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TRAMWAY MEETING.

UNFAIR COMPETITION ALLEGED.

STRONG CRITICISM OF HOTEL COMPANY.

"DISTINCT INJUSTICE."

Strong complaint at what was characterised as an attack on the most remunerative section of the tramway service was voiced at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., held this morning.

The Chairman referred to unsuccessful applications which the Company had made to the Government for permission to run a motor bus service along the Queen's Road route, and subsequently spoke of the "unfair and unnecessary" competition which it now has to contend with.

Mr. A. H. Ferguson, who also spoke, said he saw no more justification for the Hotel Company operating buses in open and deliberate competition with the Tramway Company than in the latter Company building a hotel and competing with the Hotel Company.

He suggested that the two Companies put their heads together and see if matters could not be straightened out, as a distinct injustice appeared to have been done to the Tramway Company.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FIGURES.

The Chairman, Mr. B. D. F. Beith, began his speech by saying that although the traffic receipts for the year again constituted a record, this was due to the remarkably good traffic receipts during the first eight months of the year. The receipts for the last quarter of the year were less satisfactory than in the same quarter last year. He continued:

There have been various influences that have contributed to the decline in the traffic receipts during the last three or four months of the year. I refer chiefly to:

1.—Fewer people in the Colony. The decline in the sale of our military tickets alone is 160,000, i.e., a drop of 25 per cent as compared with 1927.

2.—The Ming Yuen Gardens which used to attract a large number of people has been more or less closed throughout the year. Similarly, the Lee Gardens, which brought in considerable revenue in 1927 and the early part of 1928, has been comparatively moribund during the last six months.

3.—The enormous increase in the number of public hire cars at very low rates. It is a common sight especially on football days—to see five or six people going to or returning from Happy Valley in a public motor car.

4.—The loss of traffic consequent upon the closing of the two Sugar Refineries for a considerable period of the year, and

5.—Motor bus competition. Should these adverse factors continue, shareholders will realize that the tramway receipts in respect of the present year will be less than during the year under review.

Hotel Bus Service.

On October 15th last year, a motor bus service was commenced by the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., between Causeway Bay and Whitty Street via Queen's Road. This was subsequently extended at either end to Tai Hang village and Kennedy Town respectively. As shareholders are aware, this route—due to the topography and general configuration of our island Colony—has the advantage of being the natural east to west artery and is a shorter and straighter thoroughfare than that followed by the tram track.

The length of route over which this tram and bus competition extends is about 4½ miles and it is therefore not surprising that our first-class receipts have declined during the last few months.

Shareholders will, I feel sure, want to know why this important and advantageous route, which may be termed the "Queen's Road concession," was not granted to this Company.

Applications Made.

In reply to that, I can only say that we applied to the Government four years ago for authority

to provide either a motor bus or a trolley bus service along the route in question and that Government replied (in March, 1925) to the effect that "Queen's Road was too narrow and that the present tramway supplemented by jinkishas appears to be sufficient."

We applied again in August, 1927, but received only a formal acknowledgment. Feeling that it was only Queen's Road West that was regarded as too narrow, we applied on February 24th, 1928, to operate a service between Blake Pier and Tai Koo, via Queen's Road Central, Queen's Road East and Caroline Road, but this, too, was turned down.

In June last, however, our application for powers to run anywhere along our own tram routes was sanctioned. We can therefore—if it is thought desirable—run buses to and from Tai Koo, but not via Queen's Road.

An order was placed for six 25-seater buses as soon as we were certain we should be permitted to run them and these were put on the road on November 5th. At the outset they operated along the tram track between Western Market and Happy Valley, but later, the C. S. P. gave us permission to deviate somewhat from the tram track and from November 10th the buses have been maintaining a service between Wing Lok Wharf and Happy Valley via Cornhill, I. A. D., Murray Road, and thence along the tram track and Wanchai Road.

Recently we have been authorised to operate buses along the new 75' 0" road on the Praya East reclamation and a further order for buses was accordingly placed last November.

Compared with Queen's Road, our bus route is lean, but having regard to the short time we have been running and the general circumstances the Directors are able to report that whilst earnings so far are not large the results are not considered unsatisfactory.

"Unfair Competition."

I feel sure shareholders on this occasion would like to hear something about what is going on in other parts of the world in connexion with competitive transportation and the like and how the question is being dealt with. I therefore propose to deal briefly with the subject of unfair and unnecessary competition to-day on general lines rather than with other less interesting matters in connexion with your Company. I say "unfair competition" because this Company has, during its quarter of a century of operation, fully carried out its obligations. Improvements have been and are being constantly made in the cars and track and general service; in fact, during the past ten years alone the amount of capital spent

Enormous Strides.

In three battalions, those companies had mechanised transport and he hoped to be able to equip three more this year.

This year also they were commencing the mechanisation of the light artillery. Two brigades of field artillery had been equipped with radio telephony and four more would be so equipped this year.

In the Royal Tank Corps a modern type of tank had replaced the old war-time tank. Enormous strides had been made in the modernisation of the Army during the lifetime of the present government.

Shinforce Cost.

Speaking on the Supplementary Estimate of £115,000 for the extra cost of the troops acting as the Shanghai Defence Force, Mr. Duff-Cooper, the Under-Secretary, said the health of the troops had considerably improved, but it was not entirely satisfactory.

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STRIKING FACTS ON ARMIES.

BRITAIN ONLY NATION SPENDING LESS.

COMPARISON BY SIR LAMING WORTHINGTON-EVANS.

MODERNISING TROOPS.

London, Feb. 28.

An interesting comparison between British military expenditure and that of other countries was made by Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, the Secretary of State for War, when he introduced the Army Estimates totalling £10,546,000, in the House of Commons. The sum represents a decrease of £505,000 on the figures for last year.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans declared that Britain alone among the nations of the world had curtailed military expenditure. He also referred at considerable length to the mechanisation of the Army, saying that enormous strides had been made. He anticipated even greater progress owing to the sure foundations already laid.

Our Reduction.

Comparing British expenditure with that of other countries, the Secretary for War said that the reduction in effective vote in the life-time of the present Conservative Government was eleven per cent. It had diminished from over £36,000,000 to £32,000,000.

During the same period, the United States had increased comparable expenditure from £51,000,000 in 1925/6 to £59,000,000 sterling in 1928/9. Italy had increased her expenditure from about eighteen millions sterling to twenty-eight millions sterling and Germany had increased hers from about twenty millions to twenty-five millions for the same years in each case.

France had increased her expenditure from £34,000,000 in 1925 to about £58,000,000 in 1929.

The Soviet Costs.

The Soviet Socialist Government of Russia had more than doubled their expenditure but its military budget included the Navy and the Air Force and he could not therefore make a close comparison.

Belgium, Switzerland and Japan all showed some increase and we were the only nation which had continually reduced its expenditure on its army.

Cavalry To Go.

Referring to mechanisation the minister said that now each cavalry regiment had a mechanised machine-gun squadron. In addition, all cavalry regiments were being converted into armoured car regiments and some twenty-two six-wheeled armoured cars of the latest pattern had been purchased as part of the equipment of one regiment.

In infantry, there was an increased number of machine guns so that each battalion had one company of sixteen guns of which twelve were manned in peace.

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MORE STARTLING DISCLOSURES.

TEXT OF FRANCO-BELGIAN "MINUTES" OUT.

"DAGBLAD" PERSISTS.

Amsterdam, Feb. 28.

The latest development concerning the alleged secret military alliance between France and Belgium adds to the agitation already caused.

The Utrecht *Dagblad*, which caused the flutter in *Le Petit Journal*, to-day publishes the first part of the minutes of an alleged Franco-Belgian military conference held in Brussels between September 7th and September 12th, 1927.

The minutes are dated September 30th, 1927, and are signed by General Dabene, representing France, and General Gallet, representing Belgium. They conclude: "Seen and approved by the Ministry of National Defence C. H. de Brocquieville," and are certified as agreed by Colonel Michem.

The minutes purport to be "interpretations" by the General Staffs of the two countries of the Military Convention of 1920, and the most significant feature of the alleged text is the assumption of the co-operation of British troops "permitting serious diversion of the Dutch at Limberg."

Colonel Michem (Belgium) proposed, according to these published minutes that the British contingent should be strong "motorised" with numerous cavalry, to whom he assigns the task of "the necessary diversion at the North of Dutch Limberg."—*Reuter*.

USE OF ANTI-TRUST LAW IN U.S.

ALLEGED POTASH COMBINE BROKEN UP.

New York, Feb. 28.

After litigation extending over a period of two years, the Federal authorities have succeeded in breaking up the alleged Franco-German Potash Trust.

The Federal Court to-day signed a decree enjoining the Deutsches Kaliyndikat and the Societe Commerciale Des Potasses D'Alsace from combining in the United States which is held to be a violation of the Anti-Trust laws.

Ninety per cent. of the million tons of potash used in the United States every year is imported from France and Germany.—*Reuter's American Service*.

KING ENJOYS FINE WEATHER.

ABLE TO SIT AT AN OPEN WINDOW.

London, Feb. 28.

It was officially stated at Bognor this evening that the King had passed a quiet day. The sun again shone brilliantly during the afternoon and there was very little wind.

Consequently His Majesty was able to sit at the open window for some hours. Dr. Woods travelled from London to Craigwell House and applied luminous ray treatment to His Majesty this afternoon.—*British Wireless*.

MODERATES TO RULE PROVINCES.

NANKING C.E.C. SELECTS BRANCH MEMBERS.

Nanking, Feb. 28.

The Central Executive Council of the Kuomintang to-day selected the members of the Kiangsu and Chekiang Provincial Branches of the Kuomintang Party.

The majority of those appointed are well-known Conservatives.—*Reuter*.

possibly in the future reduce still further. The situation had improved almost out of recognition.

Discipline among the troops in China had been admirable. There had been a remarkable absence of any regrettable incidents. They had also got on very well with the troops of other nations.

The Estimate was agreed upon gracefully without discussion, 143 voting for and 80 against.—*Reuter and British Wireless*.

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WELCOME CONTRIBUTIONS TO HAND TO-DAY.

"EVERY \$5 MEANS £1."

Further welcome donations are to hand since yesterday for the British Miners' Distress Fund, with the result that the response to the *Telegraph* appeals has now brought in nearly \$3,800.

We have already cabled home to the Mansion House sums totalling £200, and to-day a further draft for £100 has been despatched. The equivalent of £160, being half of the contribution from Tai-koo Dock staff, has also been sent to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh for the Scottish Miners' Relief Fund.

In Memoriam.

To-day's contributions include a sum of \$5 sent in memory of the late Mr. H. P. White by a resident who thinks this a better way of paying a tribute than by the purchase of a wreath.

Another resident, in sending a contribution, expresses "all good wishes for the success of your appeal."

The amounts so far received by the *Telegraph* are:

Already acknowledged	\$3,211 and 10/-
F. M. C.	50
Anonymous	25
In memory of Mr. H. P. White	5
"Found"	5
"Soapy"	2
Total	10/- and \$3,293

Need Still Urgent.

The need for further funds is still urgent, especially in view of the return of colder weather to England. One result of the severe winter in Europe has been to cause an increased demand for British coal, and this for a time resulted in the employment of some of the miners who were formerly out of work. But the problem is a huge one, only very slightly relieved by the partial resumption of work in some of the mines.

All the money that can possibly be given will be needed, and contributors may rest assured that the very best use will be made of their donations. Moreover, every \$5 subscribed in Hongkong will mean an addition of £1 to the Lord Mayor's Fund. We therefore appeal for continued support for the sufferers.

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INCREASE IN PRICE OF PETROL.

NINE FARTHING A GALLON ADVANCE.

London, Feb. 28.

The Anglo-American power-petroleum companies have announced that the price of petrol will be increased to-morrow by nine farthings per gallon.—*Reuter*.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN.

REPORTED TO BE MUCH BETTER.

Hollywood, Feb. 28.

Charlie Chaplin is reported to be much better. His Japanese valet told enquirers that his "master is sleeping peacefully."—*Reuter*.

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

TWO LOCAL RESIDENTS INCLUDED.

LT. COL. L. G. BIRD, AND MR. LI YAU-TSUN.

A COMPREHENSIVE LIST.

The names of two Hongkong residents appear in the Honours List usually conferred on New Year's Day, but which has been postponed until this morning on account of the illness of His Majesty the King.

Mr. Li Yau-tsun, the Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, has been appointed Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (C.B.E.) and Lieut. Col. Lennox Godfrey Bird, the Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps has been appointed O.B.E.

The Honours include three Peerages, nine Baronetcies, and thirty Knights, the latter appointed mostly for political and public services.

A number of Shanghai residents have been appointed Officers or Members of the British Empire Order for valuable services in connexion with the entertainment of the Shanghai Defence Force.

Mr. Basil C. Newton, of the British Legation, Peking now permanently stationed at Shanghai in order to maintain relations between the Nationalist Government and Sir Miles Lampson has been granted the C.M.G.

NUMEROUS WOMEN RECIPIENTS.

Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., who has been awarded the O.B.E., is one of the best well-known residents of the Colony and Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Colonel Bird's family has been associated with the Colony since its early days, for it was as long ago as 1857 that Mr. S. G. Bird, an uncle of Colonel Bird, arrived in the Colony with the Royal Engineers, eight years later being appointed Assistant Surveyor General—a post which to-day approximates to Assistant Director of Public Works. Some few years later Colonel Bird's father came out to Hongkong, and on leaving the Colony was succeeded by Mr. H. W. Bird, who a few years ago retired after having been the head of Messrs. Palmer and Turner for some years. Colonel Bird arrived in the Colony some years before the war, and early identified himself with the Volunteer movement, being in command of the Reserve Company from 1911 until the outbreak of war. Proceeding home to join up, Colonel Bird saw much active service during the war, winning the Distinguished Service Order and rising to the rank of Colonel. On returning to Hongkong in 1919, Colonel Bird was asked to take control of the Volunteer Defence Corps, being appointed Administrative Commandant. Upon the re-organisation of the Corps in 1927, he was appointed Commandant—a post he still occupies.

Always an ardent supporter of the Tung Wah Hospital, the leading Chinese hospital, Mr. Li Yau-tsun became one of its directors 30 years ago and since then has served many terms of office. In addition to being Chairman of the Shaukiwan Water District, Yau-mui and Kwloon City Public Dispensaries, he became one of the directors of the District Watchmen's Committee some 13 years ago.

Strike Services.

Mr. Li Yau-tsun was made a life director of the Po Leung Kuk some years ago. In the 1925 strike, Mr. Li worked energetically among the Chinese for the restoration of normalcy and he headed a Commission of eight Chinese merchants which went up to Canton to negotiate with the Canton strikers, urging them to return to work.

At present Mr. Li Yau-tsun owns from 30 to 40 Chinese business shops trading in leather, insurance and other lines. He is director of the China Building and was the Chairman of the Board of Directors until last year. He is also Chairman of the Hongkong and New Territories Ferry Company, Ltd., South China Insurance Company, Min Yuen Paper Manufacturing Company, Cheung Chua Electric Company, Kwong Nam Yuen Leather Co. and many other businesses.

From March, 1926, he has been the popular Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Li Yau-tsun has also interested himself much in the development of athletic activities among the younger Chinese generation and he is the present President of the South China Athletic Association.

THREE NEW PEERS.

A Posthumous Honour Passed On.

London, Feb. 28.

The New Year Honours List, delayed by reason of the illness of His Majesty, was issued this evening for publication to-morrow.

Peerages have been conferred on the following:

Sir Jesse Boot, Bart., of the well-known firm of chemists, bearing his name for services in the promotion of education. Born in 1850, the

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

GOVERNMENT AND THE HSIN WAH DISASTER.

TOBACCO TAXES.

Five new Bills were introduced at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, including one relating to changing the system of taxation on tobacco.

His Excellency the Governor presided over the meeting and there were also present:

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.).

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.).

The Attorney General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, C.B.E.).

The Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Greasy, C.B.E.).

The Captain Superintendent of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.).

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North).

The Harbour Master (Hon. Commander G. F. Hole).

The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services (Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington).

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.

Hon. Sir Shouan Chow.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shepton.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Bragg.

Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o, LL.D.

Mr. E. R. Wynne-Jones, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services (Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington) took the oath of allegiance on taking his seat as a member of the Council.

The Hsin Wah Disaster.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked: What action does the Government intend to take in connection with the recommendations of the Coroner's Jury at the Hsin Wah Inquiry?

The Colonial Secretary:—

1. The present system of communications, by telephone, telegraph and wireless telegraphy with Wagon and other similar stations is under examination with a view to the more rapid and accurate transmission of messages.

2. So far as can be ascertained no other ships keeping W/T watch were in the immediate vicinity of the Hsin Wah at the time of the disaster, so that on this occasion broadcasting would have served no useful purpose. Government, however, agrees that in other cases broadcasting might be of great assistance to ships in distress and steps are being taken to ensure that news received of disasters, other than that broadcast by other shore stations or ships, will be broadcast in the future.

3. The Harbour Master has full authority to deal directly and promptly in such cases. On this occasion prompt action was taken in that as soon as the message was received stating that the Hsin Wah was aground, arrangements were made immediately to send out the tug Takoo to the ship's assistance.

4. Police launches are built specially for Police work and it is not considered expedient to alter their design to that of deep sea craft. The Officers in charge of these launches are competent in the handling of their launches.

5. It would be possible to keep the Rescue Tug Kausung continuously under steam at half an hour's notice but this would incur an additional expense of approximately \$30,000 annually.

The Hsin Wah, carrying W/T but not in working order, grounded on a clear night on an island on which there was a First Order Light burning brightly. A repetition of this disaster is so improbable that it is not considered that this extra recurrent expenditure would be justified.

Stamp Duties.

Mr. Braga's Questions on Revenue Statistics.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Bragg asked:

Will the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer state, under separate heads, the amount of revenue collected by the Treasury on account of stamp duties in connection with share transactions in respect of—

(i) Sharebrokers' memos for cash transactions.

(ii) Sharebrokers' contract notes for forward transactions.

(iii) Instrument of Transfer for the following periods, viz.:—

(1) the year 1924,

(2) first and second half, respectively, of the year 1925,

(3) the year 1926,

(4) the year 1927,

(5) the year 1928, and separately for each month, from January to April inclusive, of last year.

(6) January, 1929.

The Colonial Treasurer replied: Separate answers cannot be given to 1 and 2. No answer can be given to 3, as no separate record in respect of this item is kept. For 1 and 2 combined the figures are:

(a) \$160,802.

(b) \$32,772 and \$5,876.

(c) \$15,923.

(d) \$11,240.

(e) \$27,570.

January \$4,050

February \$2,880

March \$4,553

April \$2,050

(f) \$1,670.

NEW BILLS READ.

Five Ordinances Introduced and Explained.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Supreme Court Ordinance, 1873. He said: At present, the power to appoint temporarily a judge of the Supreme Court, is confined to three cases: (1), when the office of judge has become vacant; (2), in case of the illness or absence of the judge, and (3) for the purposes of the Appeal Court held under the Full Court Ordinance, 1912. The object of this Bill is to give you, Sir, power to appoint temporarily a judge in any case in which you may think it desirable. It may, for example, be desirable to appoint a judge temporarily to deal with some special accumulation of work and congestion of litigation, or it may be desirable to appoint a judge temporarily to relieve another permanent judge for some non-judicial work on which he may be engaged for the time being. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Bankruptcy Ordinance.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1891. He said: The object of this Bill is to provide that upon a bankrupt coming up for his discharge, the Court shall take into consideration the report by the Official Receiver on the bankrupt's conduct and affairs, including his conduct in the course of the bankruptcy proceedings. The Bill also provides that the Official Receiver's report shall be prima facie evidence of the statements contained therein. These two provisions occur in the English Bankruptcy Act, from which our Ordinance was taken, but for some reason they were omitted when our Ordinance of 1891 was passed. It is considered desirable that they should now be introduced here. The amendments are made applicable to pending bankruptcies. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Tobacco Taxation.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the taxation of tobacco. He said: The present system of taxation of tobacco is a system by which the manufactured article is taxed. That involves a scale of duties varying with the value of the particular kind of manufactured tobacco in question, and as

a result there are four different classes of cigars, four classes of cigarettes and four classes of pipe tobacco, all bearing different duties. That system also involves provisions for the manufacture of tobacco in bond. The object of this Bill is to change the system of taxation altogether and to tax tobacco at the source; in other words, to tax tobacco as it comes into the Colony, whether in raw form or manufactured form. There are various reasons for altering the system of taxation. One is that the system which the Bill will introduce is the one followed in Great Britain. Another is, it has been found very difficult, in fact almost impossible, to control the large number of very small factories where tobacco is manufactured. Nothing but constant and very meticulous supervision would enable a proper control to be kept of these factories and the collection of the proper duty. Then again, it is found very difficult to assign any particular kind of manufactured tobacco, whether cigarette or cigar or some other kind, to its proper class in the scale of taxation. Sometimes it is very difficult to say on which side of the line any particular brand falls. Then again, another difficulty which has given rise to a good deal of misunderstanding in the Colony is the difficulty of the cigarette sold deliberately at a low price, and very often at a loss, in order to kill competition or to establish a new brand. The Government are not concerned in any way with preventing such a practice or interfering in any way with competition of that kind. Some people seem to have imagined that the Government by this Bill were endeavouring to check that practice, but that is no concern of the Government. The Government, however, is concerned from the revenue point of view with that practice if the present system of taxation continues. Tobacco, of course, ought to pay duty according to its grade. Where the scale of duty depends on the value of the tobacco, more valuable tobacco ought to pay a higher tax and less valuable tobacco ought to pay a lower tax. When, however, the dealer sells a more valuable tobacco at a lower price he pays duty at a lower rate and consequently the revenue suffers. Again, the charging of a lower price for higher value tobacco at short notice or no notice at all, affects appreciably the estimates of tobacco revenue, and it is difficult sometimes to estimate what the revenue will be if the duty is liable to variation at the will of manufacturers who deliberately, and no doubt quite properly, under-sell their goods for their own special reasons.

The new duties are contained in clause 7 of the Bill. It is no part of the policy of the Bill to increase the duties on tobacco, though, of course, inevitably there will be individual variations in the incidence of the tax. It will be seen that raw tobacco will be charged at the same rate throughout; it varies according to the amount of moisture in the tobacco and according to whether the tobacco is stripped or unstripped, but practically speaking there is one flat rate for all raw tobacco. In the case of manufactured tobacco, all cigars will be at the same rate, all cigarettes at the same rate, and all other manufactured tobacco at the same rate, the amount being \$1.50 per pound for cigars, 75 cents for cigarettes and 75 cents for other manufactured tobacco. The same clause—provides for the temporary problem of tobacco which is already in the Colony and which will now have to pay duty immediately. Under the old system that tobacco, of course, would not pay duty until it was manufactured and taken out of the manufacturer's bonded premises, but that tobacco will now, under the new system, have to pay duty immediately. The method that has been adopted in this Bill to ascertain the duty is to give the Superintendent authority to estimate the amount of tobacco on the manufacturer's premises, to

classify it as manufactured or unmanufactured, in the case of manufactured tobacco he will also estimate the weight of unmanufactured tobacco from which the manufactured tobacco was produced, and the duty is payable on the weight so estimated. No doubt he will arrive at this estimate in consultation with the persons who will pay the duty, and though perhaps the provisions seem a little arbitrary, I think they are the only possible ones in the circumstances. I do not think in practice there will be found any cause for complaint.

The alteration of the system of taxation to taxation on entering into the Colony, involves, of course, the provision of rebates or drawbacks on exportation. The Bill contains provisions to enable drawbacks to be paid, and regulations have already been made under the Bill for this purpose. The Bill was brought into force on the evening of the 18th of February by an order of you, Sir, made under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance, 1927. That Ordinance was passed to enable alterations of taxation to be made quickly and without undue publicity, because it is obvious that when a tax is altered it is possible sometimes for persons, if they have notice, to avoid the new tax by clearances from bond and otherwise. That Ordinance recognises the desirability of making changes in the revenue quickly and secretly. Of course, that order will cease to be effective when this Bill becomes law, and the same provisions that are now in force under your order will then be enforced under this Bill as an Ordinance.

The Bill contains other provisions which I think are all consequential to the main objects of the Bill and other minor points. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Watchmen Ordinance.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Watchmen Ordinance, 1928. He said: The object of this very short Bill is to exempt from the Watchmen Ordinance persons employed by the Air Ministry. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Unclaimed Balances.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law with respect to certain unclaimed balances and certain other unclaimed sums. He said: Certain defects have been discovered in the present Unclaimed Balances Ordinance, 1935. They are matters of technical detail and they are fully explained in the Objects and Reasons, and I do not think that I need go into them more fully, at least at this stage. The Bill re-enacts the main provisions of the present Ordinance, with additions to meet the defects which have been discovered in it. There is one point, perhaps, to which I ought to draw attention, and that is this, the object of the Bill generally, and of the present Ordinance, is to provide for the transfer to the general revenue of the Colony all sums which remain unclaimed in the hands of officers of the Government, but as it is possible that the claimants—persons who could have claimed these sums—may appear even after the transfer to the revenue of the Colony, provision is made in two ways by which they can still pursue their claims. In the first place, they are given the right to apply to the Courts by petition; they are also given the right to apply to the Governor in Council on any moral ground. The present Ordinance which gives these two rights contains no limitation whatever of the legal right, and it has been thought desirable to provide that claimants to any sums which are transferred to revenue shall be barred after such time and in such conditions as they would be barred if they were pursuing a subject and not the Crown. That provision is taken from the Eng-

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The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

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Group taken at a reception given by the President, Dr. Arthur Woo, M.D., B.S., and the Executive Committee of the China Medical Association in the Lounge of the Foreign Y. M. C. A. recently. The delegates to this, the 10th Biennial Conference, and guests were served with refreshments and addresses were delivered.



Flashlight taken during a dinner given at the China United Assurance Company's restaurant by the National Anti-Opium Association in honour of M. J. Avenol, Assistant Secretary-General to the League of Nations.



Telephoto picture of the collision between tramcar and motor-bus in Bellevue recently. The tram cut clean through the bus.



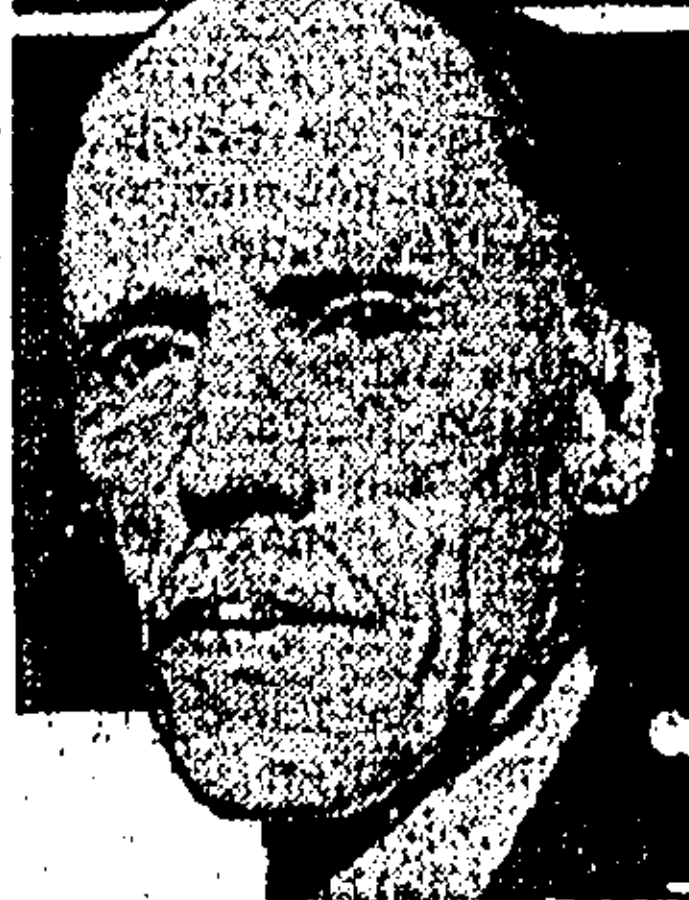
The driver was catapulted through the windshield in the bus disaster reported by Reuter.



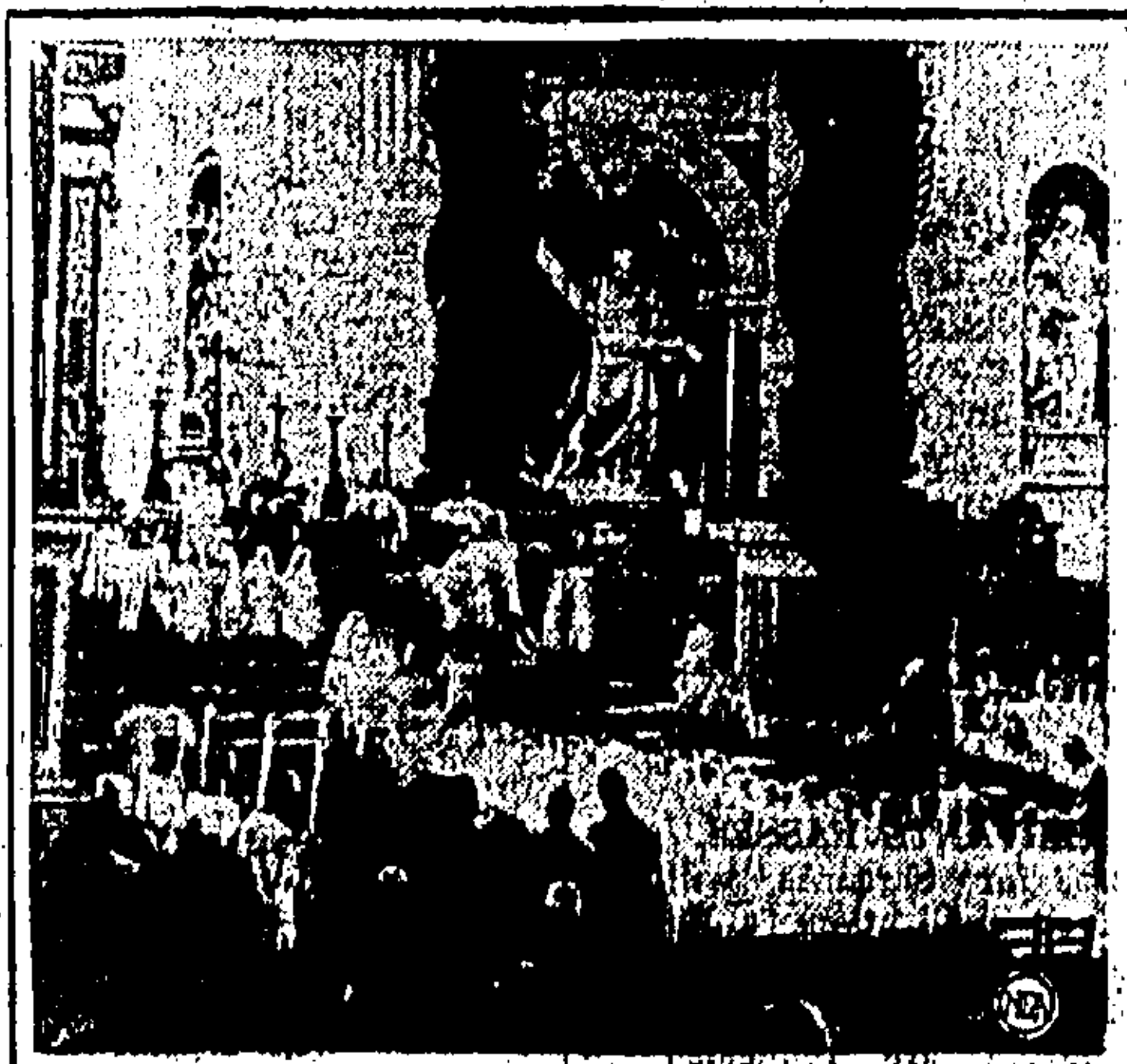
"The Three Grey Sisters" as performed by Shanghai school-children.



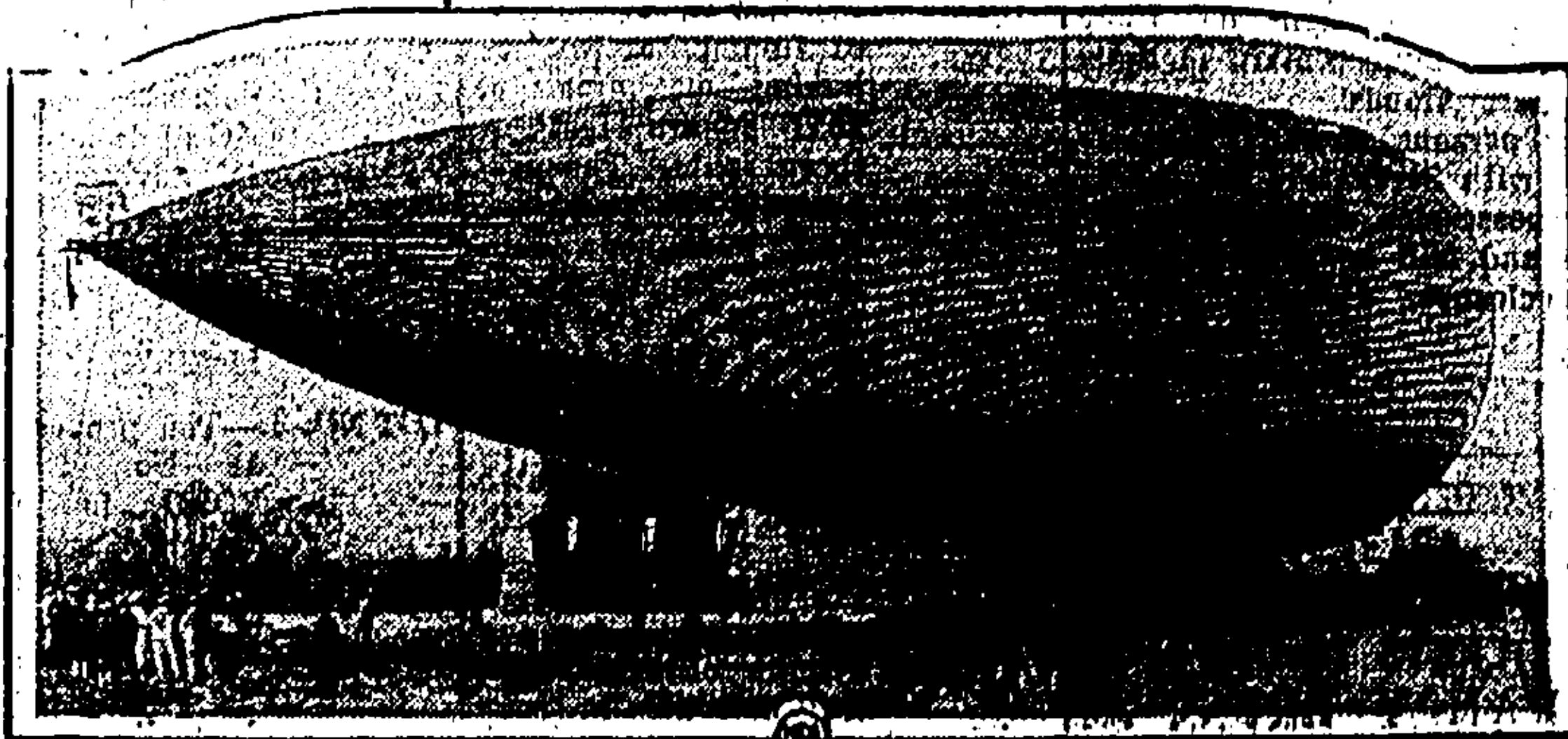
Taken during annual ride from Paris to Cannes.



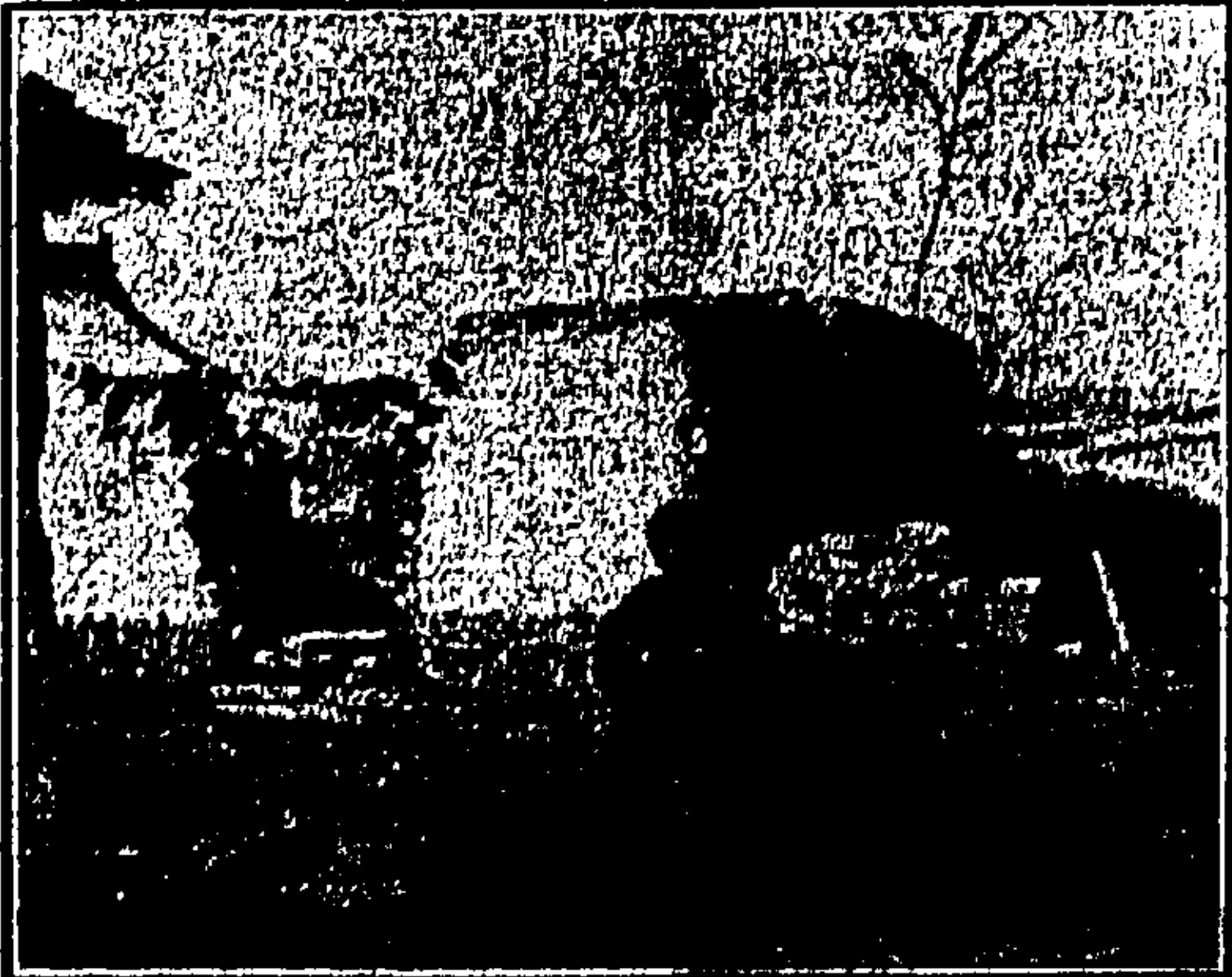
Prof. Lindgren (top) and Prof. Sedörholm, scientists recently awarded the Penrose Medal.



The jubilation mass at St. Peter's when Pope Pius XI observed his fiftieth anniversary as a cleric.



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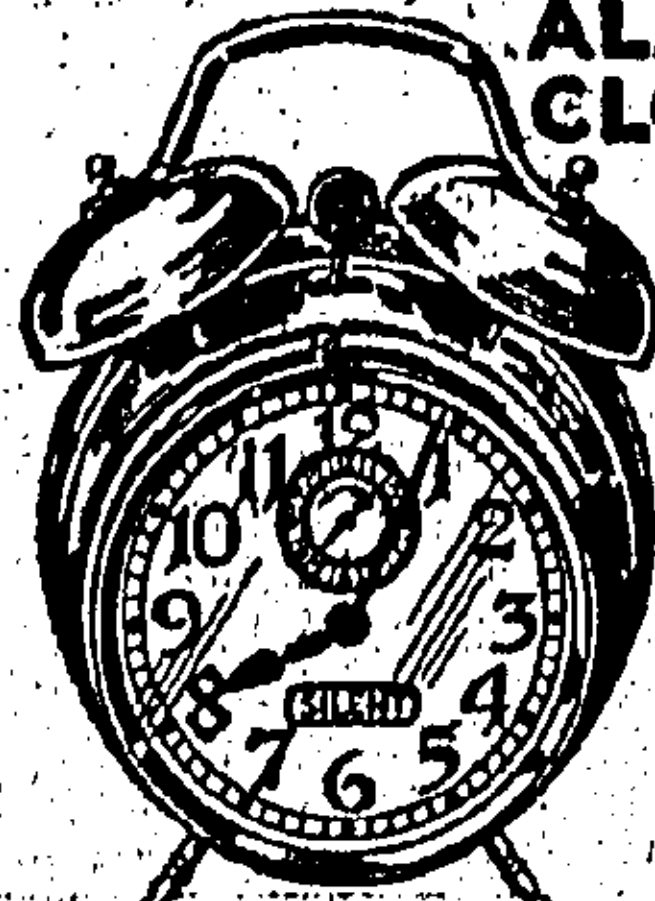
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MISCELLANEOUS.

The RAFFLE for the ESSEX, 5-seater car was won by ticket No. 5.

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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—PEARLS at Messrs. KOMOR & KOMOR, Mr. Kodaka returned from the South and will remain in Hongkong for one week to take orders for Pearls.

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BUICK.—Five-seater tourer, Majestic body, owner driven since new, splendid condition, has done only moderate mileage. Tyres new. Available middle or end February. Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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TO LET.—One Large Office Room, at Kaimamilly Building. Apply to Kayamally & Co., 20, Queen's Road Central.

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New Advertisements

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that I am no longer connected with the Dragon Motor Car Co., Ltd., as from this date.

C. H. HOARE.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1929.

REMINDER.

HONGKONG LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

Clubs interested in Lawn Tennis are reminded of the Annual Meeting which takes place on Friday, 1st March, 1929, at 6 p.m. in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion.

D. S. GREEN,
Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 9th March, 1929, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close on Monday, 4th March, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1928, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling, is payable on and after the 25th February, 1929, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 40TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday the 13th day of March, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and a Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY the 4th day of March, 1929 to WEDNESDAY the 13th day of March, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-fifth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 14th March, 1929, at 11.30 o'clock, a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1928, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer books of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 8th March, 1929, until Thursday, 14th March, 1929, both days inclusive.

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The Institute will re-open on Friday, March 1st, Students joining Classes held at Queen's College and King's College will be enrolled at the Education Department only; those joining Classes held at the Central British School, Kowloon, will be enrolled at the School.

Entry Forms and copies of Prospectus may be obtained at the Education Department or at the Central British School.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Race Meeting, 1929.

2nd March, 1929.

The first Race on each day will be run at 12 o'clock noon.

The first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, 23rd February, 1929, at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days of racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day.

Admission by ticket only.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on SATURDAY, the 2nd March, 1929,

commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

20 Cases Aluminium Powder.

2 Cases Canned Sardines.

2 Sacks Flour.

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Teak Bedsteads with Mattress, Teak Wardrobe with Bevelled Mirror, Teak Dressing Tables, Teak Chest of Drawers, Chairs, etc.

also One Columbia "Grafanoia" and Records and

A Few Pieces of Blackwood Furniture.

On View from Sunday, the 3rd March, 1929.

Catalogues will be issued. Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION IN FOUR LOTS

on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, 1929, at 3 o'clock p.m.

at their Auction Rooms, No. 4, Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES

LOT NO. 1.—The property known as Nos. 99D, 99E and 99F WELLINGTON STREET comprises

three newly erected four storied Chinese shops and dwellings with basements situate in the centre of the city on the piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Section C and the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 164 having an area of 2652 square feet or thereabouts. The property is situate on the North side of Wellington Street and is bounded on the East by Peel Street and on the West by a private lane.

LOT NO. 2.—The property known as No. 180 WELLINGTON STREET is an excellent class three storied Chinese shop and dwelling house with iron balconies in front situate in the centre of the city on the piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Section 12 of Inland Lot No. 8 having an area of 723 square feet or thereabouts. The Annual Crown rent payable on this property is \$12.00.

LOT NO. 3.—The property known as No. 380 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL and No. 47 LOWER LASCAR ROW are excellent class three storied Chinese shops and dwellings. No. 380 Queen's Road Central has an attic storey on the roof and No. 47 Lower Lascar Row a basement. The property is situate on

the piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Subsection 1 of Section AE of Inland Lot No. 211 having an area of 1273 square feet or thereabouts. The Annual Crown rent payable on this property is \$21.81.

LOT NO. 4.—The property known as No. 1 CASTLE ROAD is a semi-detached two storied European residence situate in the central district of the city on the middle levels in a favourite residential locality on the piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as Section B of Inland Lot No. 508 having an area of 4193 square feet or thereabouts. The property is ripe for re-development purposes. The Annual Crown rent payable on this property is \$5.63.

Further information and Copies of the Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from:—

MESSRS. HASTINGS DENNIS & BOWLEY, Vendors' Solicitors, 8, Des Voeux Road Central, or

MESSRS. LAMMERT BROS., The Auctioneers.

G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsoi, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents.	Area.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
Section 1 of Inland Lot No. 1977.	1977.	Between New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 33 and 221, Tai Liek Street, Shamshuipo.	N. 100 feet. E. 100 feet. S. 100 feet. W. 100 feet.	As per sale plan.	1.213	\$12.35	\$12.35

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All particulars as to ships in communication, rates, etc., may be obtained at the Radio Office as above.

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Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

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It is hereby notified that on and after 1st January, 1929:—

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Direct wireless communication has now been established between Hongkong and the Kiang Stations at Wuchow, Nanking, and Luichow—the charge is \$0.20 per word. Messages will also be accepted for Kwai-Yang and Changsha by above routes—the charge being \$0.30 per word. No charge will be collected from the addressees for the delivery service.

Wedding cake for transmission by post to places outside the Colony must be securely packed in tin boxes.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Shanghai and Amoy	Luchow	March 1.
Japan	Tahda	March 1.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Taft	March 2.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sinking	March 2.
Japan	Kawachi Maru	March 3.
Straits	Haruna Maru	March 3.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	March 3.
Manila and Australia	St. Albans	March 4.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	March 4.
Shanghai	Achilles	March 5.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Emp. of Asia	March 7.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Garfield	March 9.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Swatow	Paul Doumer	Fri., Mar. 1, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe, via Siberia	Malwa	Fri., Mar. 1, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Fri., Mar. 1, 4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Macedonia	Sat., March 2.
	Kowloon P. O.	
	Parcels	Mar. 1, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	Mar. 2, 9 a.m.
	Letters10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Parcels	Mar. 1, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Mar. 2, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 20th March.)	

Manila, Sindakan, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island

Parcels noon

Registration 2.30 p.m.

Letters 2.30 p.m.

(Due Thursday Island 17th March.)

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SUSPECTED MURDER.

MAN'S DEAD BODY FOUND
IN FRONT OF HOUSE.

Intimation of the apparent murder of a gardener residing at the old Kowloon Tong village was received yesterday evening, when the body of a man was found lying in the vacant space in front of his residence.

On receipt of the information the police proceeded to the scene, and up to a late hour last night had not returned to the station. Only very brief information was obtainable. Beyond the fact that the man was a gardener named Chan Shui, aged 37, and resided at Eli Cottage, nothing was known of the circumstances of the man's death when enquiries were made late last night.

The seeming outrage was committed sometime during the day, the body being discovered about 7 p.m., lying in the garden of the cottage.

"FAUST."

ANOTHER REMARKABLE
GERMAN FILM.

"Faust," a German picture of a nature entirely new to the screen, will be presented as the chief attraction at the Queen's Theatre from Sunday to Tuesday according to a special announcement in this issue. With Emil Jannings, the famous German actor, in the leading role, the picture relates in vivid manner Goethe's immortal drama of the triumph of Good over Evil. Faust, however, in the film, is not so much the scientist and charlatan as represented in the drama of Goethe. Rather is he a friend to humanity, always seeking a new way in which to bring happiness to his fellow beings. Enter Mephisto, who seeks to conquer the soul of Faust and dominate the earth. Faust falls under the spell of Evil and goes on a pleasure trip. Mephisto shows him all the wonderful things that may be his if he will only bow to the Devil. The tragedy of Gretchen follows, and here the story deviates from Goethe's drama. But in the end, just as Mephisto believes he has conquered the soul of Faust and so the world, Cherubim advances and disillusionises him in a startling manner. "Faust" is a picture with a moral, and, in view of its nature as an entertainment, crowded houses should be the rule during its run at the Queen's Theatre.

THE SAMOANS.

INTERESTING DETAILS OF
THE "SIVA SIVA."

In connexion with the announcement of the Samoan dances and music which will be presented at the Star Theatre for a short season commencing Sunday, it is interesting to describe what the "Siva Siva" really is. The Samoan Siva is a calisthenic performance with the aid of song; it is only in rare cases pantomimic. It is entirely an exhibition and designed for the entertainment of spectators, without whom there could be no dance. It is a dance of the upper body and is danced sitting, the feet and legs moving only slightly and to keep time. The motions are in no sense symbolic; they imitate generally the rowing in a canoe, or the throwing of a spear. There is no interpretation to be put upon any pose or changes of poses. Sometimes a love song, a battle song, a canoe song are sung with exactly the same movements. Songs for this really new and novel entertainment are to be booked in advance at Moutrie's or the Star Theatre at the popular prices of \$2 and \$1.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

JAPANESE PREMIER REPLIES
TO QUESTIONS.

Tokyo, Feb. 28.

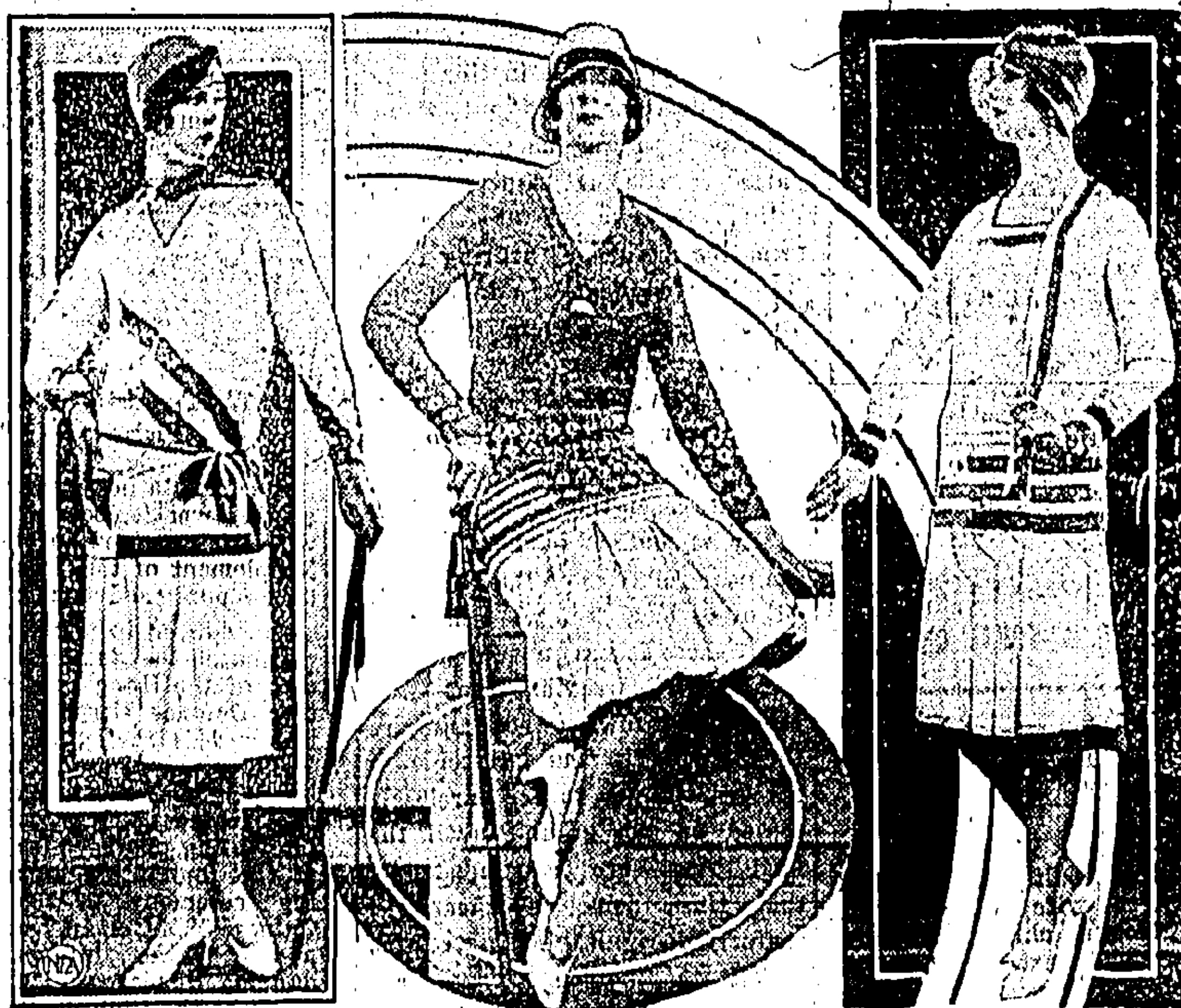
Replying to a question by an opposition member, who during the discussion of the Peace Preservation Act asserted that the Third International was behind Communist intrigues in Japan, the Premier stated that the Government had "more than once" drawn the Soviet's attention to the Third International's "pernicious" action, as it considers it is justified in filing a protest, "whether the Soviet Government has anything to do with that body or not."

On the interpellator urging the Government to take more positive and effective action, "after the example of Britain and China," in view of "the flagrant breach of the Russo-Japanese treaty," the Premier dismissed the subject by replying that the Government was prepared to take whatever steps it considered necessary.—*Reuter.*

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Stripes Brighten Newest Sport Frocks.



A blue, white and beige sports outfit has its hand-blocked overblouse striped diagonally with blue and white and its white skirt gathered. A gold-yellow sweater, embroidered in white silk, tops a white kasha skirt with box-pleats. Unusual skirt pleats, novelty striping and a new tie effect distinguish a beige, yellow and green outfit.

Children's Colour
Sense.

[BY A HARLEY-STREET
WOMAN DOCTOR.]

Most children love bright and beautiful colours. This sense is inherent. Many adults will disagree, the reason for this probably being that they judge the child's attempts at colour by the standard of adult art. Such a comparison makes the child's work appear primitive. However, it is only necessary to refer to prehistoric man's attempts to prove that both his colour and decoration were very similar to the creations of the present-day child.

Even as Early as 6 Months Old. A baby of six months has been noted to display a great fascination for a highly coloured wool ball which hung over his cot and gyrated at the least movement. In fact, small hands, legs, and watching eyes showed a pitch of excitement and pleasure quite remarkable in one of such tender age. To-day this child has the love of colours to an astonishing degree, as her crayon scrawls on the nursery blackboard show.

Every child of two or three years should be given large sheets of kitchen paper and a box of coloured pencils with which to scribble. This will help his development in many ways—

He will learn how to hold a pencil;

He will soon be able to discriminate between the colours; and

His attempts will help his innate creative energy.

The scribbles of a small child always mean something to him, although they appear quite worthless to the adult. His production gives him a great sense of value.

Night Photography.

Have you ever tried taking pictures at night? It is a common practice to take photographs through a coloured lens in broad daylight and call them "moonlight effects." But it is much more interesting to take them actually *en clair de lune*, and will well repay a little time spent experimenting to find the best length of exposure to give according to conditions.

Of course, unless there is artificial light, there must be moonlight and you must use the time stop on your camera. Set the camera securely so that it will not be moved during the operation. Thirty minutes' exposure is a good one to begin with; and, from the result obtained, use your judgment to improve the next. Print deeply from the negative.

If you put on all the lights in the front of your house, you will find that you can take a most fascinating picture of home at night. A public building with the lights on also shows well. Lights reflected in water are always pretty, and a group round a bonfire is a pleasant reminder of autumn days. In *Exchange*.

"See what I have made!" is his mental comment. The results should be admired. This is a step towards encouragement for further effort and an outlet for that exuberant energy that so often gets thrown back on himself, the result being a peevish, fretful child.

It is quite a good idea to allow the children to decorate the nursery by painting brightly coloured animals. These can be drawn on black or brown paper in outline and could form a dado for the nursery wall.

How the Child Will Gain. Encourage children to paint cards, make raffia mats in gay

Old Mirrors.

AND WHAT TO DO WITH
THEM.

Despite their one-time vogue, the modern housewife has, seemingly, no use for overmantels and other large mirrors, while even second-hand dealers look askance at these no longer popular household relics.

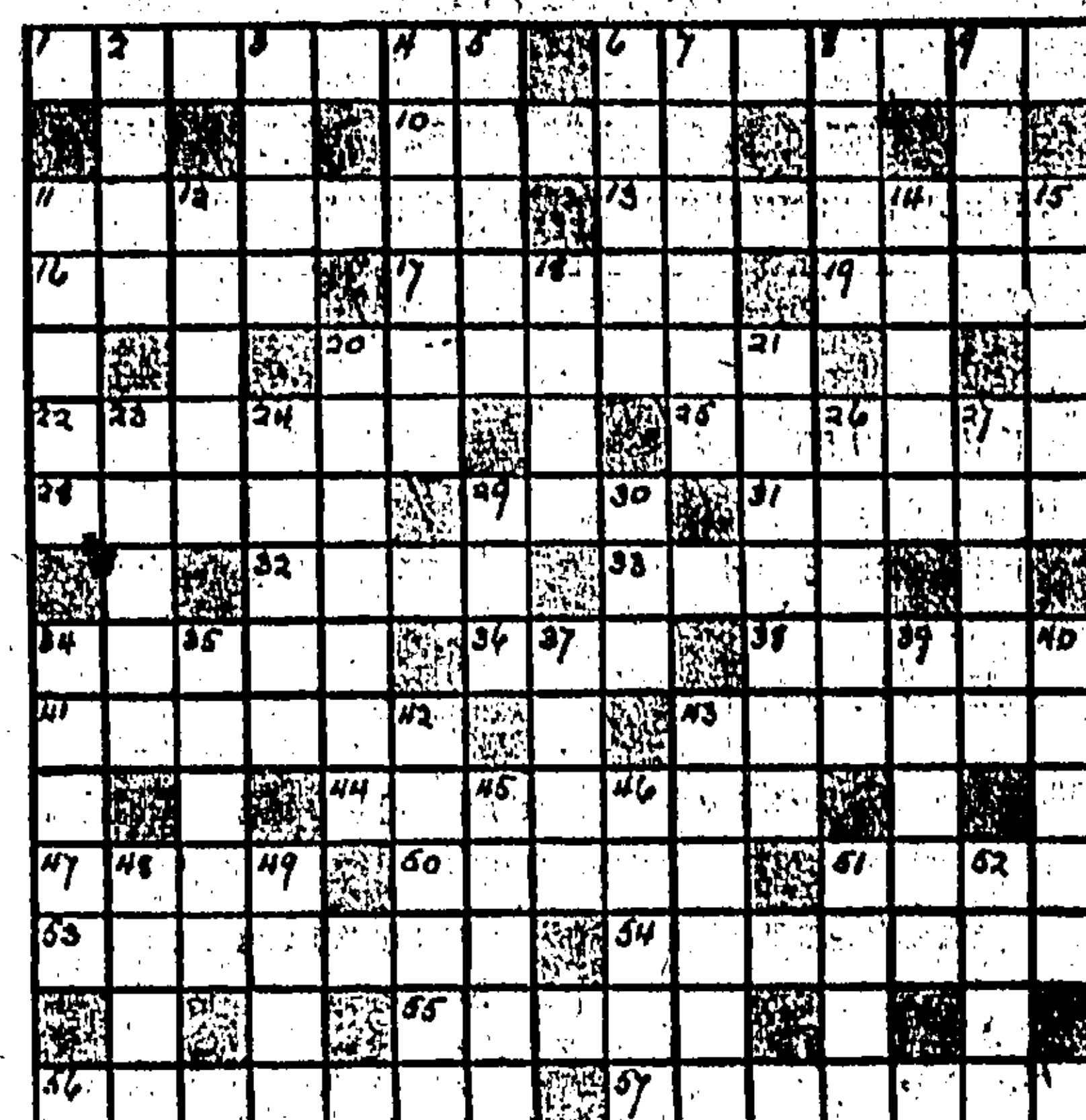
This being the case, it behooves those who own either or both, to think out ways and means of using them to advantage—elsewhere than over the mantelpiece.

So why not fix that high overmantel which originally stood on the drawingroom mantelpiece over that carved oak chest in the hall. The combination would be ideal, for the chest opens and is far roomier and more useful than any ordinary hall table. It would also act as a hall seat, when necessary, while the overmantel itself would serve not only as a mirror for visitors and household alike, but would incidentally about double the apparent size of your comparatively small hall.

The diningroom overmantel may also present a difficulty, once that nice set of genuine willow platen has taken its place—so what about placing it upright (if it happened to be long and narrow) on a bracket about twelve inches from the floor, across that otherwise rather un-pleasant corner just at the bend of the staircase? A fairly long mirror at just such an angle can and does prove a veritable blessing, as you can very soon prove for yourself.

colours, and work coarse canvas in brilliant wools. There is method in such madness. It teaches the child self-dependence early, besides cultivating his inherent desire for colour and decoration. Moreover, such occupations can relieve the burden of a harassed mother or Nann seeking something to interest the children.

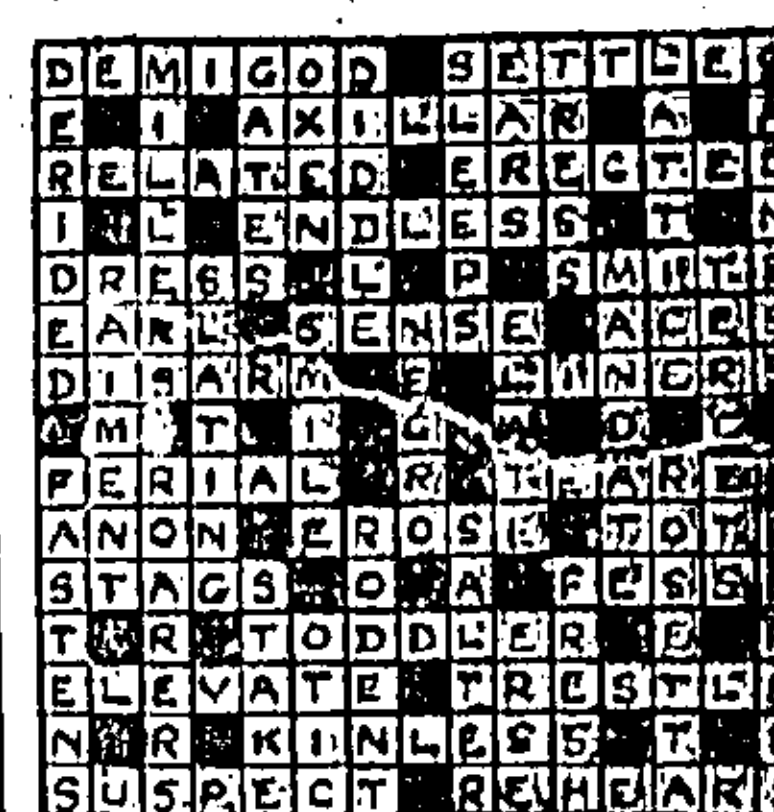
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51 Companion.
52 Defame.
54 Shamed.
56 Biscuit.
59 Garments.
67 Estimates.

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18 In addition.
20 Hates.
21 Satisfy.
23 Change.
24 Earth.
26 Wash lightly.
27 Nominated.
30 Look upon secretly.
32 Age.
34 Banquet.
35 Floathing small.
37 Circuit of a court.
39 Mixed vegetables.
40 Typewritten.
42 French desperado.
43 Drudges.
45 Yards.
46 Rascal.
48 Extra seed covering.
49 Prepare for publication.
51 Ancient dramatic entertainment.
52 Brood.

Yesterday's Solution.



CHEFOO SITUATION.

MARSHAL CHIANG SENDING
SUPPLIES.

Nanking, Feb. 28.
In order to assist Liu Chien-nien to suppress the insurgents, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has ordered the despatch of 200,000 rounds of ammunition and \$30,000 to Chefoo.—*Reuter.*

Chang Gives Assurance.

Chefoo, Feb. 28.

The American cruiser Trenton returned this morning. The United States Consul, Mr. Webber, interviewed Chang Chung-chang at Pongchowfu, and the latter promised protection to foreign life and property. He stated his intention to eliminate Feng Yu-hsiang.

The apparent present cessation of hostilities between Liu Chien-nien and Chang Chung-chang is reported to be due to negotiations taking place for Liu to turn over to the other side, but this is not verified.—*Reuter.*

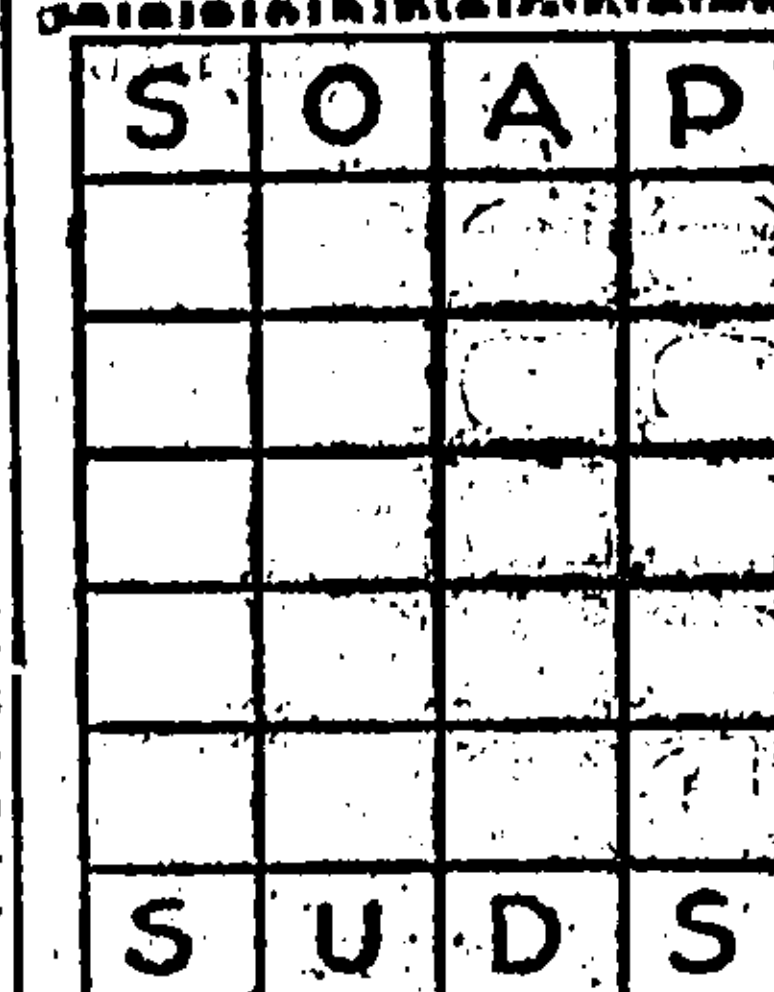
Latent messages from Chefoo show that there is no change in the situation there.

Shanghai, Feb. 28.

It is understood that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is contemplating proceeding to Germany.—*Reuter.*

LETTER GOLF

SOAP SUDS supply the working material for today's puzzle. For six.



1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in pairs, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to Hen, in three strokes, COW, HOW HEW HEN.
2—You can change only one letter at a time.
3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
4—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page.

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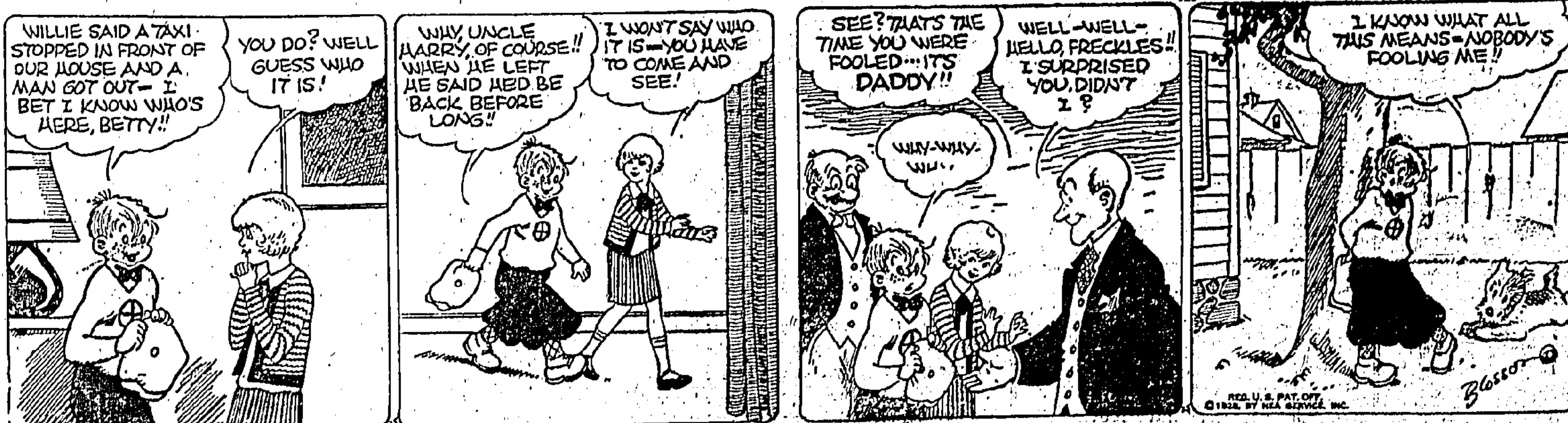
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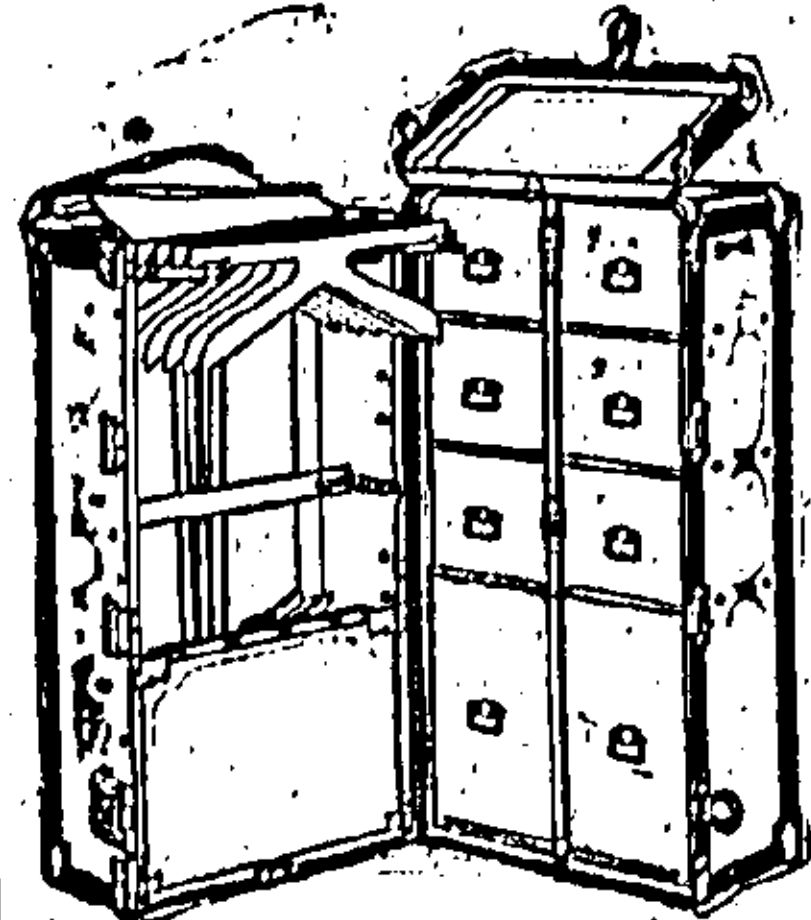
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DEATH.

NOLAN.—At 62, Wellington Road,
Dublin, result of an accident.
May, the wife of the late Mr.
G. Nolan, chief interpreter
Supreme Court. R.I.P.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY MARCH 1, 1929

REMEMBERING THE DEAD.

An example which we should
like to see more generally follow-
ed is provided by a local resident
who has forwarded us a donation
of five dollars, to be devoted to
charity in memory of the late Mr.
H. P. White, instead of spending
the money on a wreath. By the
wish of the donor, the
sum is being added to
the fund for the relief of dis-
tressed British miners and their
families. So eminently sensible
is the thought which inspires
this action that we would once
again appeal to the public to re-
frain from wasting money in
floral tributes which only last a
day or so, and, instead, to allot
to some charitable cause the amounts
which would otherwise be spent
in the manner indicated. There
are many deserving charitable
organisations in Hongkong which
could do with increased support,
and the money from this source
would, in the course of a year,
come to quite a substantial sum.
Recently, it was reported from
Shanghai that a resident had ex-
pressed in his will a desire that
any of his friends who wished to
pay a tribute to his memory
should do so by making contribu-
tions to Masonic charities in
which he was keenly interested,
instead of sending wreaths to his
funeral. The wish was gratified
when he passed away, and the
cause of charity benefited very
considerably as a consequence.

As newspaper people, we have
seen sufficient of the manner in
which this business in wreaths
is carried on to realise the utter
futility of it all. To take yester-
day as an example—there were
two funerals last evening, and the
demand for wreaths so far out-
stripped the supply of green
leaves that the sellers were re-
duced to wrapping cabbage leaves
round bamboo in order to provide
a basis for the wreaths! It is
said, too, that after the wreaths
have rested for a day or so on the
graves, the Wyndham Street
flower-sellers sometimes manage
to get hold of them again and
utilise the framework for others
later on. Another story that we

have heard is that it occasionally
happens that wreaths for which
orders have been sent, and money
paid, are never sent to the Valley,
as requested. Whether these
things are true or not, we do say
that this blatant commercialising
of wreath-selling, with its fre-
quent attendant haggling over
prices, is about the last thing
that any reasonably-minded in-
dividual would care to have as-
sociated with his passing. All
this is apart from the tremendous
sums that are wasted every year
on this foolish form of remem-
brance. Hundreds of dollars
were probably spent in this man-
ner yesterday. It is out of no
disrespect to the memory of de-
parted friends that we write thus;
rather the reverse, for the al-
ternative method of bearing them
in mind by donations to charity
strikes us as being more in keeping
with the occasion. There may be
those who would not wish to see
funeral ceremonies marked by an
entire absence of floral tributes;
in that case, the wreaths could
surely be confined to those sent by
the near relatives of the deceased.
All of us have seen what happens
when there is an unusually large
number of wreaths, sent—how
they get thrown about and are
then carted to the graveside in
batches, there to be carelessly
tossed on the ground until the
final rites are concluded. By
that time, some of them are
scarcely recognisable as wreaths,
whilst the personal cards are
more often than not entirely miss-
ing.

There are other aspects of the
matter which could be dilated
upon, such as the obstruction
caused by the wreath-makers in
cluttering up our pavements when
coping with rush orders, but
sufficient has been written to
suggest the desirability of an
end being put to this sordid busi-
ness. Let us remember those
who have departed, by all means.
But let our remembrance find
some better medium than the
enrichment of those who look at
a funeral merely from the stand-
point of the amount of money
it will bring to them.

The War Office.

No long or very serious argu-
ment, one way or the other, is like-
ly to be aroused by the movement
in the House of Commons for
changing the nomenclature of the
War Office, and the designation of
the Minister concerned therewith.
Briefly, five Conservative mem-
bers, to whom the word "War"
apparently gives offence, have ex-
pressed a desire that the War
Office be known in future as the
Office of Military Defence, and
Sir Laming Worthington-Evans as
the Secretary of State for Military
Defence. If we remember rightly,
a similar proposal has been en-
gaging the attention of a few
French politicians for some little
time, though no great headway
seems to have been made. For
our own part, we feel the purpose
of the desired change is not suffi-
ciently important to justify the
loss of a crisp and vigorous term,
even though it may not be one of
exactness. No-one suffers under
the impression that the adminis-
trative official controlling the
branch of Government concerned
devotes his attention to the or-
ganisation, shall we say, of war,
any more than there exists a belief
that the Admiralty is a Board
of Admirals of the Fleet. There
can be no ambiguity for the simple
reason that the functions of the
War Office and the Minister for
War have always been well under-
stood. Those who argue the other
way will not, of course, concern
themselves with this aspect of the
question. Their point, as we un-
derstand it, is that the word "war"
should be anathema to right-think-
ing people, and should, therefore,
be removed from official expres-
sion. It seems little more than a
fad. We do suggest indeed that
they should not be mollified until
a substitute has been evolved
which is much more graceful and
mellifluous than "the Office of
Military Defence."

DAY BY DAY.

EVERY MAN HAS TWO EDUCATIONS
—THAT WHICH IS GIVEN TO HIM,
AND THE OTHER THAT WHICH HE
GIVES TO HIMSELF. OF THE TWO
KINDS, THE LATTER IS BY FAR THE
MORE VALUABLE.

To-day being St. David's Day a
wreath was laid this morning on
the Cenotaph.

H.E. the Governor is to distri-
bute the prizes at King's College
at 11 a.m. on Tuesday next.

A report has been made to the
police by a chair cooler living in
the coolie quarters in Peak Road,
to the effect that while he was

TO-MORROW'S PICTURE SUPPLEMENT.

The Week's Local History in
Pictures.

A complete pictorial record
of this week's local history
will be contained in the Art
Supplement of the Telegraph,
to be published to-morrow.

In addition to many photo-
graphs of the annual inspec-
tion of the Hongkong Volun-
teer Defence Corps and of
this week's racing at Happy
Valley (including pictures of
the principal races and win-
ning ponies), there will be
interesting photographs taken
at the foundation stone-lay-
ing ceremony of the new
Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Kowloon,
and at the international
dancing display, which was
given at the Club de Recreo,
on Saturday.

Among the pictures taken
at the Race Course is one
showing His Excellency the
Governor chatting with officials,
among whom is the late Mr.
H. P. White, whose sudden
death took place on Thursday
morning.

A full group photograph
of the officers of the Defence
Corps, is included among
other interesting local pic-
tures—the Supplement con-
taining over 20 art-printed
photographs.

waiting outside No. 303, The Peak
at 1.50 this morning, he was bitten
on the thigh by a white terrier
dog, which rushed out from the
house.

According to a report made to
the police by the Manager of the
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.,
Ltd., a Chinese electrician, employ-
ed at the dock, was sent to the
Kowloon Hospital yesterday, suf-
fering from injuries to his neck
and face as a result of the blowing
out of an electrical switch.

A Chinese named Yu Chiu, forty
years of age, employed by Messrs.
Sang Lee, contractors, was sent to
hospital yesterday after receiving
injuries to his head caused by fall-
ing down the steps at the entrance
of the Colonial Secretary's resi-
dence at No. 405, The Peak. The
man was rendered unconscious
and was attended on the spot by
Dr. (Mrs.) Minnett, who happened
to be a visitor at the time.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

[To The Editor of Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—In reply to four questions
put forward by "W.G." in your
columns last night, kindly permit
me to submit the following:

1. Christian Science and faith-
healing as it is generally under-
stood have nothing whatever in
common. A correct understanding
of what Christian Science is may
be gained by a study of the Chris-
tian Science textbook, "Science and
Health with Key to the Scriptures"
by Mary Baker Eddy and other of
her writings. These books may be
borrowed or purchased at the
Christian Science Reading Room in
the Church edifice on Macdonnell
Road.

2 & 3. Information regarding
Christian Science practitioners may
be found in any current numbers of
"The Christian Science Journal."

4. Information with regard to
compensation of practitioners may
be found in the Church Manual of
The First Church of Christ Science-
ist in Boston, Mass.; by Mary
Baker Eddy, (also available at the
Reading Room). Christian Sci-
entists receive compensation for their
services, just as Jesus and his
disciples did. Is not the workman
worthy of his hire? A very large
percentage of Christian Science
healing is done without compen-
sation.—Your, etc.,

W. H. ADLER.

Christian Science Committee on
Publication for Hongkong.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from
the Hongkong Telegraph for the
week ended March 2nd, 1908.

The rate of the dollar on de-
mand was 1s. 10.9/16d.

At the annual Flower Show, a
new hyacinth was exhibited by
Mr. Chao Leep-chee, by whom it
was cultivated and brought to per-
fection. It was named after Sir
Henry Berkeley, a well-known
local barrister.

A report on the progress of the
construction of the Kowloon-Can-
ton Railway showed that only two
big works remained for the com-
pletion of the project—the Beacon
Hill tunnel, and the excavation
which was to form the reclamation
for the Kowloon Station yards.

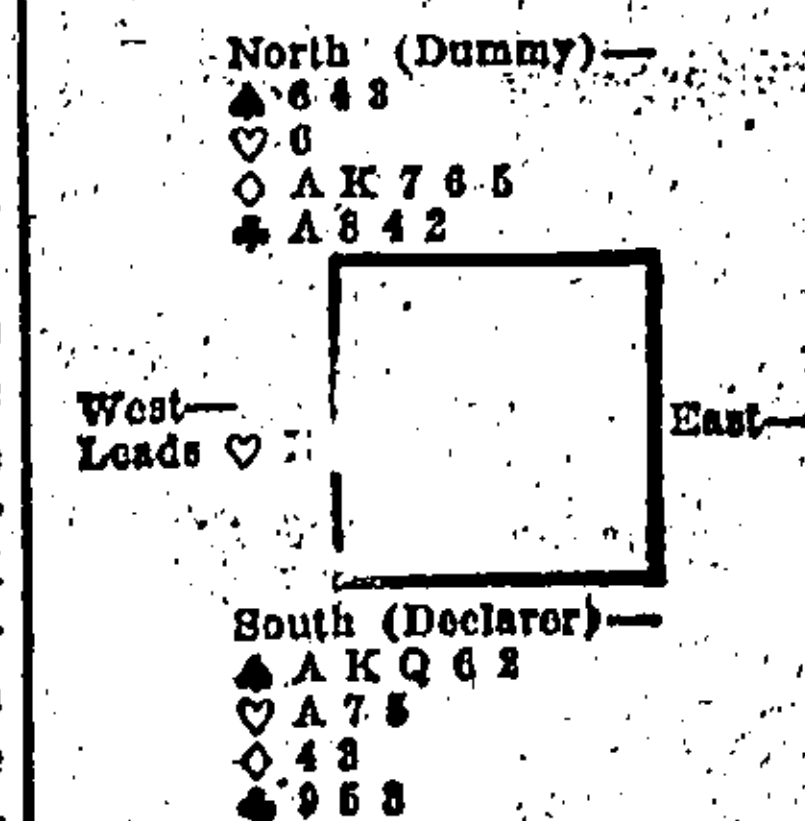
At the Roman Catholic Cathed-
ral, Hongkong, requiem mass was
said for the late King and Crown
Prince of Portugal, who were as-
sassinated in Lisbon.

A noted case ended in the Full
Court, when the appeal of Lu Kue-
shing was concluded. This man,
a well-known Swatow reformer,
appealed against the decision of
the magistrate who found a
prima facie case made out against
him for alleged participation in
an armed robbery in China. His
appeal was upheld.

Patrons of the Peninsula Hotel
are notified that the Grill Room
and Roof Garden for the evenings
of Friday, March 8, and Tuesday,
March 12, are completely booked
up and no further reservations
will be accepted.

51 COMMON ERRORS IN BRIDGE AND HOW TO CORRECT THEM by W.W. Wentworth

11. OVERLOOKING OPPORTUN- ITY TO RUPE



The Bidding: South opens with
one spade and all pass.

Deciding the Play: West leads
King of hearts. How should De-
clarer plan to play?

The Error: Declarer captures
the first trick with Ace of hearts
and then draws opponents' trumps
by playing Ace, King and Queen
of spades in that order. After
that Declarer makes Ace of dia-
monds, King of diamonds and Ace
of clubs and then gives opponents

the lead by playing 8 of clubs on
the next round. Opponents pro-
ceed to win two heart tricks and
two club tricks. Declarer captures
the remaining tricks but sacrifices
game and excellent opportunity to
score a grand slam.

The Correct Method: Declarer
sees that game is virtually assured
and decides to try for a grand
slam after capturing the first trick
with the Ace of hearts. Declarer
plays 5 of hearts which is ruffed in
Dummy. After that 3 of spades is
played and overtaken in the closed
hand with Ace of spades. Now
7 of hearts is placed and ruffed in
Dummy. Ace of diamonds and
King of diamonds win two tricks
after which 7 of diamonds is
played and trumped by Declarer.
Trumps are now drawn and a
small club is led to Ace of clubs
in Dummy after which Dummy's
remaining diamonds win tricks,
the losing clubs being discarded
on time. Barring a freak dis-
tribution of the cards this method
of playing scores a grand slam.

The Principle: When short-suit-
ed in Dummy, seek to convert los-
ers into winning tricks by utilizing
Dummy's small trumps.

The Very Idea!

Roast whale has been introduced
to Liverpool, and is being served
in substantial steaks. Several
enterprising firms are importing
it from New Zealand, and finding
a ready sale.

Edible whale retails at the low
price of from 3d. to 6d. per pound.
It tastes, when roasted, not
unlike salt beef, and is not tough,
although delicate palates may
find it rather coarse.

"Ecclesiastical formalities are
worse than any I know in law!"—
Mr. Davies, solicitor, at a Woking
Inquest.

Willenden Magistrate: I am
afraid you are what might be
called recalcitrant.

Defendant: I've been called
all sorts of things in my time.

Woman at Thames Court: I
was only enjoying myself in a
public-house after burying my
sister.

Mr. Halkett, the Marylebone
Magistrate, to a Witness: You
came in on an omnibus this morning
with the prisoner; I saw you.

An example of Shavian wit is
given by "L'Europe Nouvelle."
Shortly after the War Archibald
Henderson remarked to Bernard
Shaw:

"At last we've got rid of secret
diplomacy."

"Yes," replied Shaw, "there is
no further reason why women
should not be admitted into the
diplomatic service."

There is a new spirit in the
world, and a new conscience, and
neither will long be denied.—Mr.
A. B. Houghton.

It is better to read one good
book several times than to read
several good books once.—Mr.
Lloyd George.

Political freedom will not give
us freedom from our mind is not
free.—Dr. Rabindranath Tagore.

The great misfortune to man-
kind is that only those politicians
out of office know how to solve
great problems.—Lord Dewart.

Surely pessimists are just people
without any root to them.—Sir J.
M. Barrie.

Mankind is divided into two
types: the type that wants to
dominate its fellows and the type
that wants to understand its
fellows.—Mr. John Drinkwater.

We have "to let the ape and
tiger die," but we have also to
let animal courage and animal
sympathy live.—Professor J. A.
Thomson.

"Joke all, you please about th'
ole family album, but it gave a
prospective bridegroom a pretty
fair idea of th' gang he wuz
marrin' into."—A writer in
Indianapolis News.

[It is reported that a revival of
longer tresses for women is in-
dicated by recent substantial in-
creases in orders for hairpins.]

Oh! shingles, bobs and crops
austere
For years have caused the
men much pain.

But grand and glorious news is
here—
"The Hairpin Biz. booms once
again!"

Each husband true will, sing
with glee
As barbered wives revert to
type,
And they can say, "Please lend
to me
A hairpin, love—to clear my
pipe!"

A motorist who had been in an
accident went to his solicitor for
advice. He met the solicitor just
after the case and remarked:—"I
thought you said if I were sociable
to the Magistrate I would get off."

"And were you?" asked the
solicitor.

"Yes," replied the motorist. "I
said, 'Good morning, how are you?'
to which the Magistrate replied,
'Fine—£5.'"

"The Knut Journal" is one of
the latest publications. It is pro-
duced in cyclostyle by clever
London children who are studying
the art of dancing (says a London
Star gossip, who quotes the fol-
lowing from its pages):—

"We very much regret that
certain members have not paid
their subscriptions, and if those
subscriptions are not paid before
January 22 we shall be obliged to
dismember those members."

New commanders for some of
the warships on the station arrived
yesterday by the P. and O. s.s.
Malwa. The naval new comers
included Capt. G. Arbuthnot, Capt.
R. Ashby, Capt. S. Bates, Lieut.
Comm. and Mrs. Bamford, Pay.
Lieut. Comm. Bolster, Lieut.
Commanders McBean and Cross-
ley.

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

new peer was knighted in 1909 and made a Baronet seven years later. He resides in Jersey and is a prominent member of the National Liberal and Reform Clubs.

Urban Bultleton Rogers Broughton, Esq., in consideration of public, political and philanthropic services of his father, the late Urban Hanlon Broughton, whose election to the peerage would have been recommended to His Majesty but for his death on January 30th. last. Urban Hanlon Broughton was the well-known British engineer and was engaged for many years in engineering, mining and railway work in the United States becoming President of several big companies. In his younger days, he was employed on railway, drainage and dock works in England and Ireland. He was Conservative M.P. for Preston from 1916 to 1918.

Sir Berkeley George Andrew Moynihan, K.C.M.G. President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He is also Emeritus Professor of Surgery, University of Leeds; and Consulting Surgeon, Leeds General Infirmary. His father was Captain Moynihan, V.C. of the 8th King's Regiment. He served in the European War and was mentioned in despatches. He has won many international honours in his profession and is the author of several medical works.

Baronetcies.

Nine recipients of baronetcies include:

Mr. Friedrich Eckstein, chairman of the Sudan Plantations Syndicate, for his services in the Sudan. He is a partner in the firm of Werner, Belt and Company. He was born and educated in Germany and was a representative of his firm for many years in Johannesburg.

Mr. William Horne, the chairman of the Prudential Assurance Company.

Mr. Alexander Park Lyle, the chairman of the Lyle shipping Company for services in connection with the Scottish War Memorial. He was formerly President of the Greenock Philosophical Society and Chamber of Commerce. He is the second son of Mr. Abraham Lyle, shipowner and sugar refiner of Greenock. He served during the Great War in the Scottish Horse, being mentioned in despatches and receiving the Military Cross.

Mr. W. R. Morris, the chairman of Morris Motors, Limited, who has done so much to advance British motor-car manufacturing.

Knighthoods.

There are thirty Knighthoods conferred, the most interesting being Mr. Allott V. Roe, for distinguished services to British Aviation.

Privy Counsellors.

The Earl of Stanhope has been appointed a Privy Counsellor. The Earl of Stanhope is the 7th holder of the title. He has been Lord of the Admiralty since November, 1924. He served with the Grenadier Guards in the South African War and with the 1st Battalion of the same Regiment in France from November, 1914, to the end of the war. He was Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office in 1918.

Dame Commander B.E.

Lady Alida Luisa Brittain who was born in Chile and in 1905 married Sir Harry Brittain. She is well-known for her musical activities, especially in connection with the National Festival of Song. She is a noted harpist and has organised and adjudicated at many Welsh Eisteddfods. She has been Chairman of the Society of Women Journalists and prominently associated with many movements in the Conservative Party.

Companions of Honour.

Four names have been added to the Companions of Honour as follows:

Lady Florence Elizabeth Barrett, C.B.E., the Dean of the London (R.F.H.) School of Medicine for Women; Consulting Obstetric and Gynaecological Surgeon, Royal Free Hospital; Senior Obstetric Surgeon, Mothers' Hospital, Clapton; Examiner of the Central Midwives Board; Lecturer on Midwifery, London School of Medicine for Women, 1913-21; Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine; and President of the Medical Women's International Association. She is a talented woman, having specialised in the treatment of women's diseases, and holds many medical degrees and honours.

Lillian Mary Baylis, Hon. M. A. Oxford, the Lessee and Manager of the Old Vic Theatre, which position she has held since 1893. She was in her early years noted as a child violinist and for some time gained considerable fame as a

concert entertainer in England and South Africa.

The Rev. John Charles Carilla, C.B.E., D.D., Minister of Folkestone Baptist Church and editor of the Baptist Times. In his younger days, he was a prominent social reformer and was associated with Cardinal Manning in organising the Dock Strike Mediation Committee. He has been prominently identified with education in London and for a time was acting Secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland and was its President in 1921-22. During the war, he lectured many times in France and received the special thanks of the King of the Belgians and the R.O.B. distinction for work in connection with the relief of refugees.

Frederick Delius, the well-known blind composer, who was born in Bradford, Yorkshire, and left England at the age of 21 for Florida to become an orange planter. After two years, he went to Leipzig and studied for two years at the Conservatoire. He has since resided in France. He has written numerous orchestral works and songs.

G.C.M.G.

Among those appointed Knights Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George are:

Brigadier General Sir Samuel Herbert Wilson, K.C.B., Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies since 1925. He entered the Royal Engineers in 1893 and has held numerous posts in the Colonies and at Home. He was Governor of Jamaica in 1924-25 and served in the South African and European Wars with distinction.

The Right Hon. Sir George Russell Clerk, P.C., K.C.M.G., British Ambassador in Turkey since 1926. He has had a long diplomatic career, mostly in the Near East and was first Minister of the Czechoslovak Republic from 1919 to 1926.

K.C.M.G.

The following have been appointed Knights Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George:

Sir Ronald Storrs, C.M.G., Governor of Cyprus since 1926. He was formerly in the service of the Egyptian Government and was Oriental Secretary to the British Agency in Egypt for many years, serving with Sir Eldon Gorst, Lord Kitchener, Sir Henry MacMahon and Sir Reginald Wingate. During the war he was Military Governor of Jerusalem.

Mr. Howard William Kennard, C.M.G., C.V.O., Minister to Yugoslavia since 1925. He entered the diplomatic service in 1901 and since then has been in Rome, Teheran, Washington, Havana and Tangier.

Order of the Bath.

(Military Division.)

The following have been appointed Knights Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath:

Admiral Sir Osmond de Brock, Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth Command since 1926.

General Sir Walter Braithwaite, K. C. B., Adjutant-General to the Forces since 1927. He was educated at Bedford and Sandhurst and entered the Army in 1886, joining the P. A. Somerset Light Infantry. He saw service in Burma in 1886-87, as well as in the South African War and the Great War, in which he commanded the 62nd Division and later the IX Army Corps. He received many honours, was promoted Lieutenant-General and mentioned in despatches many times. Posts which he has held since the war include the Western Command in India, the Scottish Command and the Eastern Command.

General Sir John Stuart MacKenzie Shea, K. C. B., the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, India. He served with the Chitral Relief Force in 1895 and in the South African War. In the European War he was mentioned in despatches and received several decorations. He was Adjutant-General in India from 1924 to 1928.

Order of the Star of India.

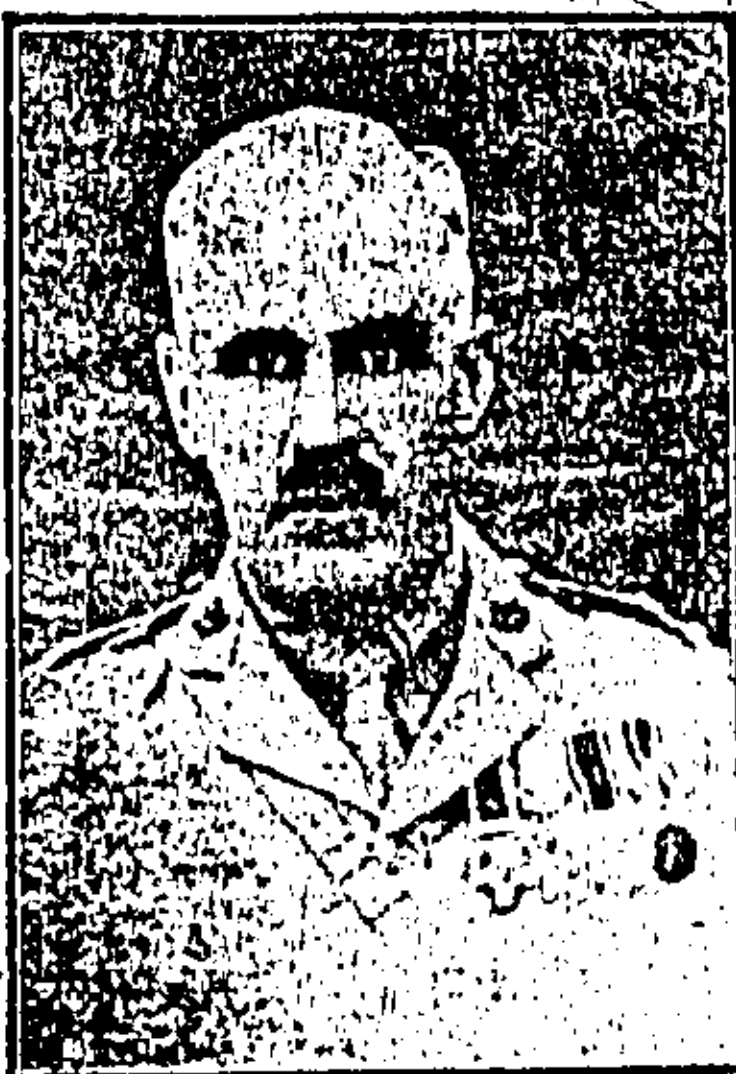
Sir Leslie Wilson has been appointed Knight Grand Commander of the Star of India.

Lieut.-Col. the Right Hon. Sir Leslie Orme Wilson, G.C.I.E., recently retired from the post of Governor of Bombay, which he held for five years. He served in the South African War being severely wounded, and in the Great War took part in operations in Gallipoli and in France. He was Unionist M.P. for Reading from 1919 to 1922, and for Portsmouth (South) from 1922 to 1923. He has held several Ministerial posts and was Secretary to the Treasury from 1921 to 1923.

Order of British Empire.

Knight Grand Commander—His Highness Sir Hari Singh, Maharajah of Kashmir, K.C.I.E., who was born in 1895 and is Commander-

IN HONOURS LIST.



Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commander of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, who receives the C.B.E. decoration in the New Year Honours List, just issued.

in-Chief of the Kashmir Army. He was educated at Mayo College, Ajmere.

Knight Grand Cross—Air Vice-Marshal Sir Philip Woolcott Game, K.C.B., who entered the Army in 1895, joining the Royal Artillery. He served in South Africa and in the European war, being six times mentioned in despatches. He commanded the R.A.F. in India in 1922-23, and Sir Henry Robert Conway debbis, K.C.S.I., who has been High Commissioner for Iraq since 1923 and Consul-General since 1924. He entered the Indian Civil Service in 1892 and was head of the British Mission to Kabul in 1920. He has served in many capacities throughout India and surrounding territory.

Dame Grand Cross—Mrs. Laura Knight, an Associate of the Royal Academy; and Professor Anne McIlroy, Professor of Obstetrics at the Royal Free Hospital.

Knight Commander: Mr. John Thomas Pratt, C.M.G., who is one of H. M. Consul-Generals in China. He became a student interpreter in China in 1893 and later served in Shanghai, Tientsin and Nanking. He was transferred to the Foreign Office in 1925.

Commanders: Mr. Li Yau-tsun, of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong; Mr. J. B. Affleck, of Tientsin; and Professor Winifred Cullis, Professor of Physiology at the Royal Free Hospital.

Officers: Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, Hongkong; Mr. A. W. Burdill, Mr. Charles Sharpur, Mr. A. R. J. Hearne, Mr. Percy Kent, and Mr. Robert A. Williams, all of Shanghai.

Members: Mrs. D. M. Boaler, Mrs. Hilda Byrne, and Mrs. Florence O'Neill, all for services in connection with military activities in Shanghai.

Knight Bachelor.

Mr. Manasseh Mayer, of the Straits Settlements.

C.M.G.

Mr. Basil C. Newton, of the British Legation, Peking, now in Shanghai.

Dr. Ambrose Thomas Stanton who has been Chief Medical Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies since 1926. He was a bacteriologist in the F.M.S. in 1907-08 and has been on special duty in Siam, Indo-China and the Dutch East Indies. While a member of the Malay States Volunteer Rifles, he was present

MURDER OF OLD CARETAKER.

WARNING GIVEN BY DOG'S BARKING.

WORK OF ROBBERS.

The barking of a dog in a neighbouring cottage led to the discovery of what appears to be a dastardly murder of a lonely caretaker, employed to look after a cottage in old Kowloon Tong. Brief details are given on another page.

According to information given to the police, two farmers, working on the Luk Fung Sam garden, were attracted by the incessant barking of a dog. Fearing that something had gone wrong in the adjoining farm, the two men set out to investigate the cause of the animal's behaviour.

On arriving at Eli Cottage, old Kowloon Tong, they found the body of the caretaker lying on the ground in the kitchen. There was a cord tied around the man's neck and a big wound on his head. He was not dead, however, and the police were immediately communicated with.

Despite the utmost despatch, the police arrived on the scene to find the man dead. Robbery appears to have been the motive, but it would seem that the robbers stole nothing more than a few pieces of clothing and an old blanket.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Feb. 28.
Paris	124.25
Brussels	84.085
Amsterdam	12.12
Berlin	20.45
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.52
Helsingfors	102.4
Lisbon	100.4
Bucharest	81.0
Buenos Aires	47.11/82
Shanghai	2.03 1/2
Yokohama	1.7/10 1/2
New York	4.85 5/16
Geneva	25.235
Milan	92.65
Stockholm	18.16
Oslo	18.10
Prague	103.4
Madrid	31.94
Athens	37.5
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	1.11 1/2
Silver Spot & Forward	20 1/2

—British Wireless.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

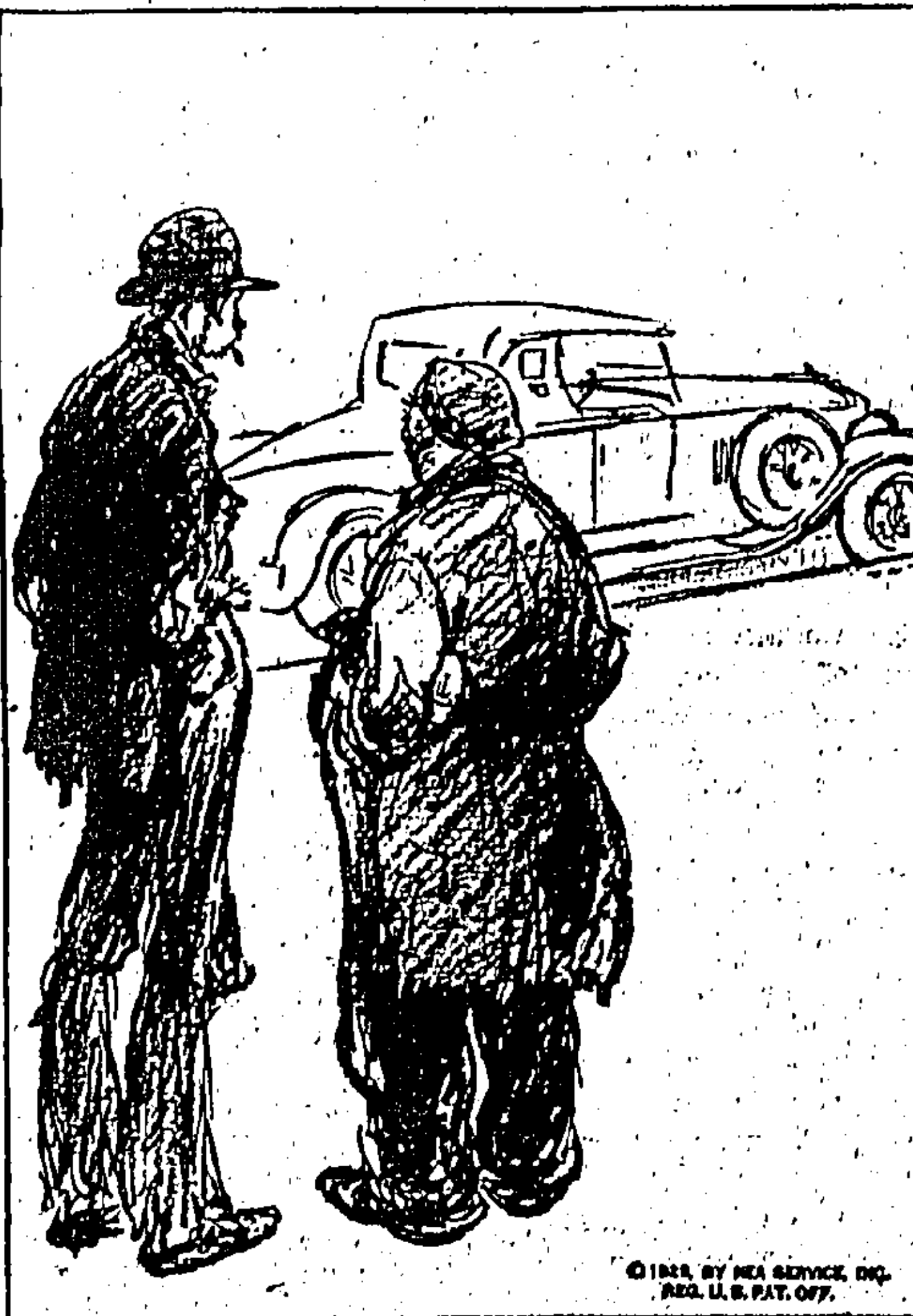
H.M.S. KENT SOON GOING NORTH.

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, will leave Hongkong for Shanghai on Tuesday, March 12.

H.M.S. Bruce and four other destroyers of the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla will leave Hongkong on the same day for a cruise to the coast ports.

H.M.S. Seraph, one of the destroyers in the Eighth Flotilla, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Shanghai.

at the Singapore Mutiny. He was made Director of Government Laboratories, F.M.S. in 1920. He is the author of several publications on tropical diseases and research.



"Dem roadsters are snappy but they ain't room enough to take yer friends out."

MOTOR BUS TICKET DISPUTE.

REFERENCE TO PEAK TRAM TICKET-HOLDERS.

"A LOT OF DIFFERENCE"

"There is a lot of difference between people who live on the Peak and people who come before your Worship," remarked Sub-Inspector Stimson, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, when prosecuting a Chinese on a charge of travelling on a Kowloon bus without paying his fare.

Opening the case for the prosecution, Sub-Inspector Stimson said that the case was the usual one of trying to avoid payment on a bus. The defendant, he said, boarded a bus at Kowloon City shortly after midnight on Thursday, and when asked for his ticket by the conductor, informed the man that he was a monthly ticket-holder. The conductor went away but when the Inspector boarded the bus he asked to be shown the ticket.

Lost Ticket.

The defendant told the Inspector that he had lost it, but his number was 94. He gave the man his name but was taken to the Company's offices to verify his statement. On examination of the Company's register, it was found that ticket No. 94 was not in the name of the defendant.

The conductor gave evidence, and, in reply to the defendant, admitted that the latter had had a ticket for last month but had not purchased one for this month.

The defendant—To-day is only the first of the month. His Worship remarked that it seemed rather hard to be prosecuted for not having a ticket so soon after midnight on the first of the month.

Sub-Inspector Stimson replied that it was not for failing to renew his ticket that the defendant was charged. It was for not having any ticket at all.

On the Peak.

His Worship intimated that every time tickets were inspected on the Peak trams, there was sure to be somebody who could not show his ticket.

Sub-Inspector Stimson—There is a difference between people who travel on the Peak tram and people who come before your Worship.

The ticket inspector was called, but said that he had never known the defendant to have a ticket. If the conductor had said the defendant had travelled on a monthly ticket, then he must have been using somebody else's ticket.

Witness said that when the defendant was told that he would be arrested, he (defendant) admitted that he had no ticket and offered to pay, but the management refused to accept the money. The defendant intimated that the master of his shop had purchased a monthly ticket for him, but the ticket was not in his name. The witness replied that nobody could travel on a ticket which was in the name of another person. His Worship adjourned the case till Monday for the defendant's master to be called.

RUSSIAN OIL FOR BRITAIN.

ROYAL DUTCH-SHELL REACH AN AGREEMENT.

Moscow, Feb. 28. It was announced to-day that an agreement has been reached, to have effect for a period of three years, between the Anglo-American oil combine and the Russian Oil Products Company.

Under this agreement, the Russian Oil Products Company will be given an equal share in the British market with other companies.

The agreement also provides for the supply of large quantities of Soviet kerosene, crude oil and petrol to companies entering the combine which is led by the Royal Dutch-Shell group.—Reuter.

AMERICAN ELECTION EXPENSES.

\$16,000,000 ON PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

Washington, Feb. 28. It is revealed that over \$16,000,000 gold was spent during the Presidential Campaign, of which the Republicans share is \$39,000,000 and the Democrats, \$7,000,000.

The figures are given by the Senate Investigating Committee, and they do not include the expenditure of the District, County and City organisations.—Reuter's American Service.

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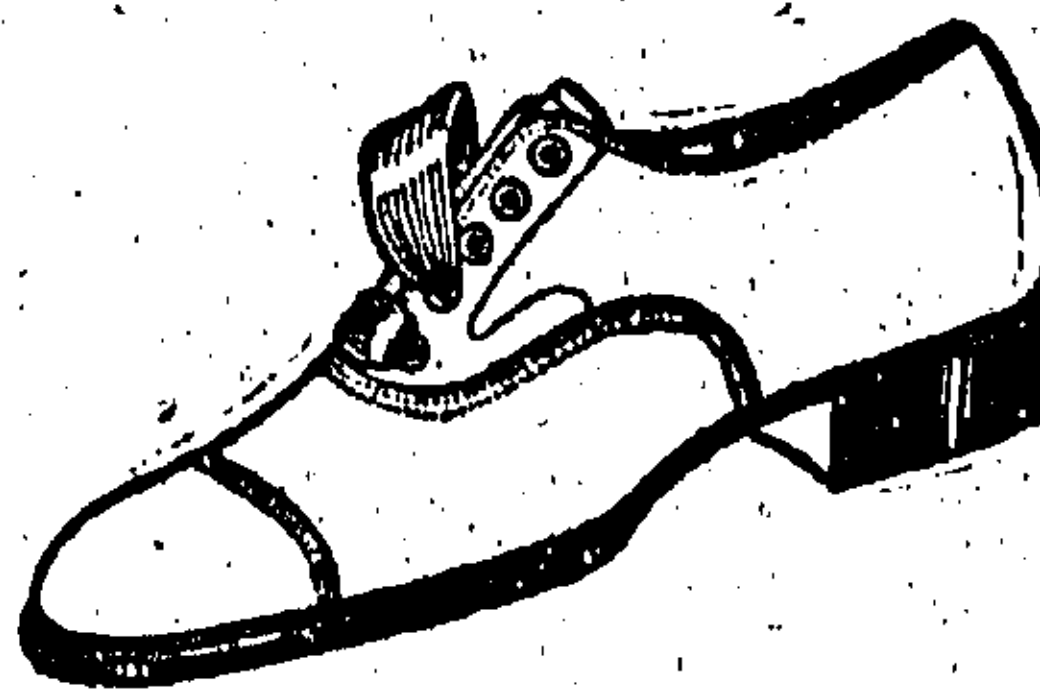
"KELTIC"

AND

"BECTIVE"

OOTS and SHOES

FOR MEN.

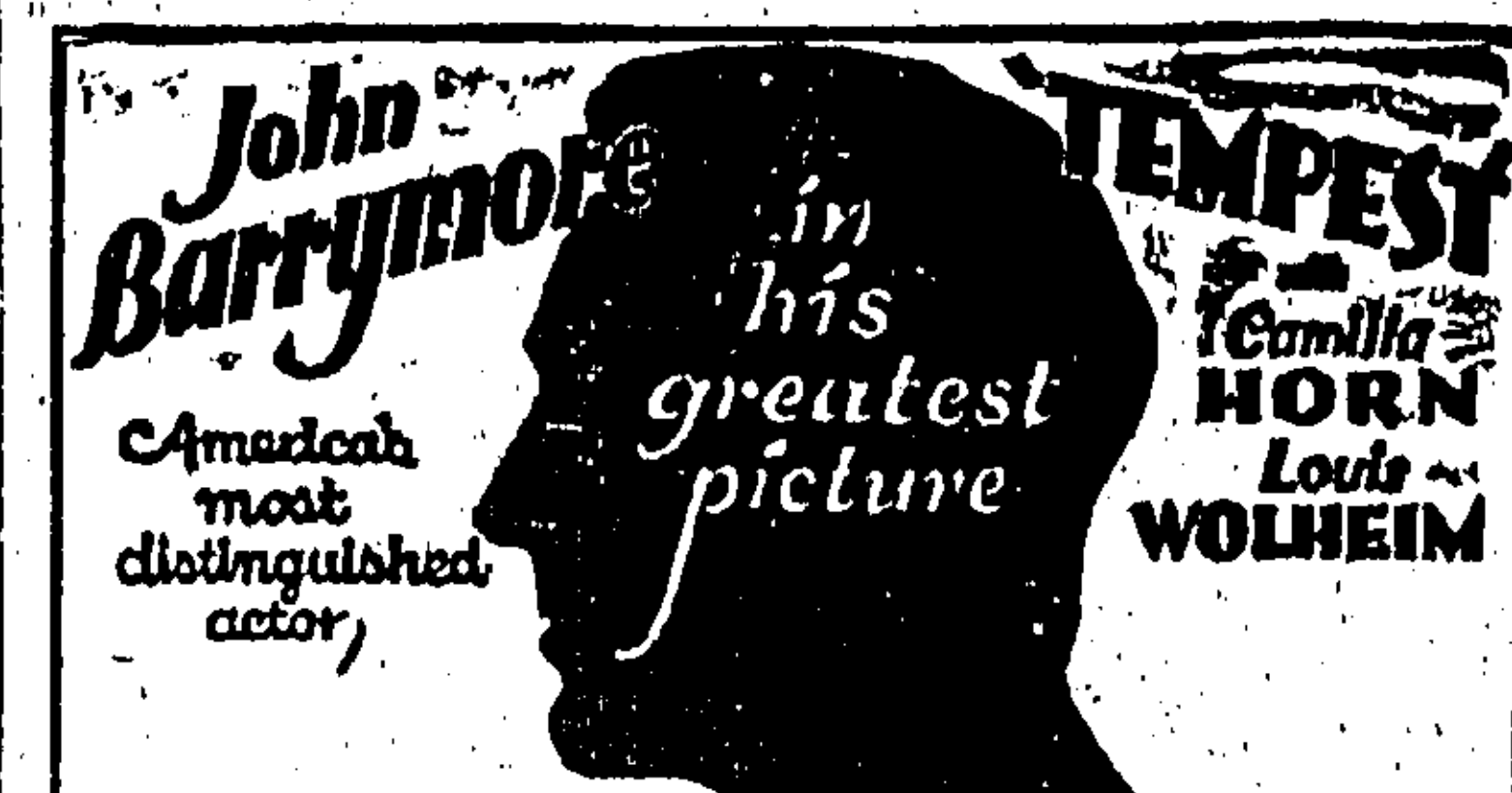


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BAL MASQUE.

BRISK DEMAND FOR TICKETS.

There is every indication that the forthcoming Fancy Dress and Masked Ball, which is to be held on March 8th. at the Peninsula Hotel, will prove a most successful event. Parties are already being arranged, and it is whispered that some striking costumes and colour schemes will be seen.

In response to requests, the Committee has decided to issue special floor tickets which will entitle holders to dancing and supper. These will be sold at \$5 each.

The reason for these special tickets is that some residents have expressed the desire to arrive in their respective disguises after dinner. The ordinary tickets which include dinner, dancing and supper are available at \$7.50 each.

It is quite rare for Hongkong to hold a social event which carries through until the early hours of the morning, but with the jolly time promised, even 2 a.m. will probably find the majority of revellers wishing for more. It is quite evident that a most colourful spectacle will be provided, and in view of the demand for tickets, early purchase is advisable.

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THE WORLD OF SPORT

LOCAL FOOTBALL TO-MORROW.

KOWLOON MEETING THE CLUB AT KOWLOON.

CHINESE PROSPECTS.

[By "WANDERER"]

The return match between Kowloon and the Club will provide the soccer attraction for the European community to-morrow. Both sides are practically at full strength, and the sudden improvement of the Club has rendered the match of additional interest.

Among the sides struggling for league honours, Chinese Athletic have to negotiate a formidable hurdle, while South China are not to be so severely tested. The fixture list, together with grounds, times of kick-off and officials appointed, is as follows:

Senior Division.

Chinese Ath. v. Navy, Club, 4.15.
—Capt. Austin.
Kowloon v. H.K.F.C.—Kowloon, 4.15.—Mr. Evans.
S. China v. Raffles—Caroline Hill, 4.15.—Mr. Hollands.
R.A. v. K.O.S.B.—St. Joseph's, 4.15.—Mr. Atkinson.

Junior Division.

St. Joseph's v. Queen's—St. John's, 2.45.—Mr. Rider.
R.A. v. K.O.S.B.—Sookunpoo, 2.45.—Mr. Critchett.
S. China v. R.A.F.—Caroline Hill, 2.45.—Mr. Gibbon.
Kowloon v. Navy—Kowloon, 2.45.—Mr. Anderson.
Eastern v. China Ath.—Club, 2.45.—Mr. Harwell.

The Civilian Clash.

While from the point of view of importance to league honours, the match between Chinese Athletic and the Royal Navy will provide the most interesting game, there is certain to be a big crowd of Europeans at the Kowloon F.C. ground when their rivals, the Hongkong F.C., are the visitors.

This is the return match, the game at Happy Valley having resulted in a draw. Kowloon are not at full strength but McKelvie and Bliss make welcome returns to the side which will be capable of making the Club go all the way even if victory is not secured. At the time of writing the Club team is not to hand, but it is not likely that any radical change will be made from the side which forced a draw with the Borderers last week. A keen struggle with teams all out to the end is fairly certain. On current form, the Club may manage to force a draw, though I fancy Kowloon to win.

The Advance of the Navy.

The advance of the Navy, unfortunately too late to seriously threaten the leaders, will at least have the effect of bringing down their "averages" presuming the Navy are able to command the same eleven.

The Athletic, who provide the opposition for the championship, but I am expecting them to meet with a rebuff on this occasion. The only trouble with the Navy is that their forwards are not smart goal-getters, and this deficiency may cause an upset.

South China to Win?

South China should experience little difficulty in defeating the Club de Revere, who are sadly out of form. The latter's forwards are not getting well together, largely, I suppose, because of the frequent changes in the half-back line and lack of adequate support. South China gave a poor display against a poor team last week and won 7-1. They won't expect to win by anything like that margin this week, but should add two points to their total.

Army Meeting.

The only other Senior game is being played at Sookunpoo between the Royal Artillery and the K.O.S.B. The Borderers should make up some of their lost ground in this game.
In the Junior League there is no match of leading importance, the leaders all being matched against clubs in the bottom half of the table. The Navy, K.O.S.B., R.A.F., Queen's and Chinese Athletic should win their games.

Among the teams for to-morrow are:—

LOCAL BILLIARDS.

WIN FOR CATHOLIC UNION.

The return billiards match between the Warders Mess and the Catholic Union Club took place last night at the Catholic Union, and resulted in a win for the latter by a margin of 338 points. Scores:

Warders Mess.

Brindcombe 200
Lacey 103
Hodge 156
Gooding 58
Jillot 200
Gowland 119

Catholic Union.

A. J. M. Rodrigues Jr. 175
M. M. Silva 200
A. A. M. Rodrigues 200
C. F. Vas 193
E. L. Vas 199
M. A. Baptista 200

KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB TENNIS.

AMERICAN TOURNAMENT RESULT.

The American Tennis Tournament (Men's Doubles) at the Kowloon Football Club on Sunday last resulted in very close matches, the winners eventually proving to be:—

Messrs. Ferguson & Black 1st
Messrs. Guest & Cotton 2nd
Messrs. Stokes & Pilgrim 3rd
No fewer than 345 games were played in the course of the game, all with the same balls, Dunlop seamless hard-court ball, presented by the Hongkong branch of the firm through their manager, Mr. S. G. Hayes.

If sufficient entries are obtained, a Ladies' Singles Handicap Tournament on the same lines will be held on Sunday, March 3rd.

BOXING.

SHARKEY DEFEATS YOUNG STRIBLING.

Miami, Feb. 27.
The attendance at the Sharkey-Stribling contest was 30,000 and the receipts \$30,000, so apparently Dempsey's first promotion venture has been successful. The fight, however, was more a rough house than a boxing match.

Stribling won the first two rounds, but the Bostonian solved his opponent's style and thereafter neither gave quarter. There were wild swings, many dangerously low. Stribling was spitting blood in the third round but, thrice with clean lefts to the jaw nearly felled Sharkey, who, however, scored more frequently and gained the verdict. —*Reuter's American Service.*

Kowloon:—Angus, Robson, Pile, Bliss, Easterbrook, Downman, Eastman, Hedley, Spary, McKelvie and Miles.
Kowloon:—Angus, Jr., Moore, Hast, Davies, Campbell, Nicholls, Hannan, McIntyre, Moss, Morgan and Waddington.

Borderers Win.

The results of the junior contests in the United Services football competition, yesterday, were as follows:
K.O.S.B. 4, S.L.I. 1.
R.A. 2, H.M.S. Herald 0.
Playing at Happy Valley the K.O.S.B. beat S.L.I. after being a goal down, by four goals to one. Hicks gave the S.L.I. the lead after five minutes play. Crawley lovelled up for the Borderers, and Stephens and Craig added goals for the Borderers before the interval. Resuming, the Somerset played up strongly. Before the final whistle sounded Crawley scored, the K.O.S.B. winning by four goals to one.

On the Navy ground at Happy Valley, the R.A. beat the Herald by two goals to nil. Just before the interval Hearn scored for the Gunners. Resuming, the Herald made a strong attack but shooting was wild. Taylor broke through and slipped to Allan who scored the Gunners' second goal. The Bruce v. R.A.F. match was played on the Navy No. 2 ground, the Bruce winning by three goals to one. The R.A.F. goal, Jarvis, kept his charge intact against several raids by the sailors. Murray gave the sailors the lead and before the interval, Capener put through his own goal. On resuming, the Airman attacked strongly but failed to beat Finnanley. The sailors added to their score through Taylor, and just before the final whistle sounded Plunkett scored for the R.A.F.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The starting times for Sunday's golf at Fanling are:

9.04 a.m.—Capt. Riggs and W. N. Fleming.
9.12 a.m.—J. D. Crawford and H. Spicer.
9.16 a.m.—R. K. Hepburn and H. R. Forsyth.
9.28 a.m.—T. L. Christie and A. Leach.
9.32 a.m.—K. S. Robertson and D. S. Edward.
9.36 a.m.—T. A. Martin and J. M. Norrie.
9.40 a.m.—D. Forbes and E. C. Frederick.
9.44 a.m.—J. Thayer and G. E. Mitchell.
9.48 a.m.—S. M. Monroe and E. N. Monie.
9.52 a.m.—N. Croucher and J. Coulthart.
9.56 a.m.—H. A. Mills and W. A. Weight.
10.00 a.m.—A. Morley and C. J. Waddell.
10.04 a.m.—W. K. Tait and D. Ellis.
10.08 a.m.—H. G. Howard and G. H. Wilson.
10.12 a.m.—H. F. Bloxham and A. B. Raworth.
10.16 a.m.—S. S. Perry and W. C. Clark.
10.20 a.m.—F. A. Perry and Major D. Campbell.
10.24 a.m.—C. Thwaites and D. G. R. Smith.
10.28 a.m.—E. D. Lawrence and D. J. Gilmore.
10.32 a.m.—S. J. H. Fox and F. M. Ellis.
10.36 a.m.—F. M. Walker and F. H. Swayne.
10.40 a.m.—G. D. Mead and C. M. Gee.
10.44 a.m.—A. G. Coppin and E. Humphreys.
10.48 a.m.—W. L. Dunbar and A. W. Hay Edie.
10.52 a.m.—A. R. Cox and D. M. Goodall.
10.56 a.m.—J. H. Raikes and M. G. Mills.
11.00 a.m.—J. Cameron and E. P. Streatfield.
11.04 a.m.—G. W. Sewell and S. T. Butlin.
11.08 a.m.—H. J. Armstrong and C. T. Wood.
11.12 a.m.—F. A. Merry and N. K. Littlejohn.
11.16 a.m.—J. Taylor and W. D. Brown.
11.20 a.m.—E. Horridge and A. D. Coppin.
11.24 a.m.—E. M. Bryden and B. H. C. Hallows.
11.28 a.m.—A. E. Lissaman and I. H. Geare.
11.32 a.m.—A. D. Humphreys and H. U. Ireland.
11.36 a.m.—J. W. Jeffries and G. B. S. Thomson.
11.40 a.m.—W. J. S. Key and W. A. Stewart.
11.44 a.m.—A. O. Brawn and A. B. Purves.
11.48 a.m.—S. A. Sleep and D. L. Newbigging.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY V. ROYAL NAVY.

The following will represent the University XI in a League match against the Royal Navy on Saturday, at 2 p.m. sharp on the University ground.—A. A. Rumjahn (Capt.), F. Zimmermann, K. K. Samy, D. Ling, P. Guterren, N. P. Karanjia, L. P. Ride, S. V. Gittina, E. A. Lee, A. T. Lee and D. J. N. Anderson.

HOCKEY.

CLUB V. UNIVERSITY.

The following team has been selected to represent the Club "A" against the University 2nd XI on the King's Park ground at 5.15 p.m. to-day:—Sapsied, Rowell, Rankin, Duncan, Botelho, Evans, Munn, Beaumont, Mowers, Price and Ross.

LATE MR. SHORT.

THE FUNERAL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The funeral of Mr. R. H. Short, who died on Wednesday last, took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended by his friends and colleagues. The remains were interred at the Protestant Cemetery, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave officiating at the graveside.

Amongst those present were: Mr. Allan Cameron, Oriental Manager of the C.P.R., Mr. L. E. N. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Monaghan, Capt. A. W. Davidson, Mr. E. Stone, Mr. C. Thwaites, and the entire staff of the C.P.R., as well as Messrs. Nicholas Tse Chin, representing the firm of Tak Kee and Co., L. Gomes (Wm. C. Jack and Co.), Leung Yuen Wo, Chairman of the Associated Union of Chinese seamen, Mr. A. Gutierrez, Mr. W. C. Innes, and many others. Mrs. Short was also present at the funeral.

SAMOAN DANCERS COMING.



"The Samoan Dancers," who open a brief season at the Star Theatre on Sunday, March 3rd.

LAWN TENNIS.

FINCHER BROTHERS HAVE AN EASY MATCH.

There were only two matches in the Open Championship Events on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday afternoon when the tournaments were resumed after a short break. Both games were in the Doubles event the Fincher brothers and Lieut. Hale and Redmond being the successful competitors to enter the second round.

Owen Hughes and Marton gave the Fincher brothers little opposition, losing in straight sets with only five games to their credit. The Kowloon pair showed considerable improvement on their last year's form, the younger of the two brothers being more reliable. They should not encounter very much difficulty in their next match but it is unlikely that they will reach the fourth round as the Rumjahn will in all probability be their opponents in the third.

Lieut. Hale and Redmond were just a shade more consistent than Ho Wai-hing and Chiu Tsun-chiu. The former couple won in four sets, the match seldom reaching championship standard.

Yesterday's Results.

Yesterday's results were:
Open Doubles.—E. C. and E. F. Fincher beat H. Owen Hughes and O. E. C. Marton 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.
Lieut. Hale and F. A. Redmond beat Ho Wai-hing and Chiu Tsun-chiu 6-3, 6-4, 6-5, 7-5.

Club Championship.—R. K. Valentine beat J. A. Summers, 8-6, 6-4.
Handicap Doubles.—H. J. Armstrong and J. G. Lawrie (4/5) beat C. A. L. Plummer and J. S. McEachran (owe 3/5) 7-5, 6-4.

To-day's Games.

The following is the programme for this afternoon:

Open Singles.—Lai Kwong-lun v. Y. Sakji; Luk Ding-cheung v. Chiu Tsun-chiu.
Open Doubles.—Ng Sze-kwong and Ho Ka-lau v. Y. Yvanovich and C. Barretto; Major Lucena and Dr. Tienham v. Horace Lo and Lu Tak-chu.

Club Championship.—H. Owen Hughes v. J. Barrow.
Handicap Singles "A."—Very Rev. Swann (owe 2/5) v. Lieut. D. Smith (rec. 2/5).

Handicap Singles "B."—A. H. Penn (rec. 2/5) v. R. P. Lonsdale (owe 15/2).
Handicap Doubles.—T. H. King and Major C. Willson (Ser.) v. C. W. E. Bishop and W. Woodward (rec. 4/5).

FILIPINOS & AMERICA.

MR. STIMSON INTERVIEWED AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Feb. 28.
Governor General Stimson arrived this afternoon from Manila on the President Pierce en route to the United States.

He refused either to deny or confirm his appointment as Secretary of State.

He summed up his year's work in the Philippines as follows: "The restoration of the confidence of the Filipino people in America." Mr. Stimson will confer with Mr. MacMurray, who arrived from Nanking this morning, before leaving Shanghai.

Mr. Stimson and Mr. MacMurray are among the guests at a banquet being given to-night by Dr. C. T. Wang.—*Reuter.*

The Fanling Hunt Point to Point, which takes place on Sunday, is timed to commence at 11 a.m. from Pott's Bungalow.

Much Improved.

London, Feb. 28.
Sir Austen Chamberlain is much better, and it is understood he is leaving for Geneva on Saturday.—*Reuter.*

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1300 sa.
Chartered Bank, \$22 1/2 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$24 n.
P. and O. \$49 1/2 b.
East As a \$204 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$695 n.
Union Ins., \$385 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$2.35 b.
China Firs, \$285 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$790 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$364 b.
H. K. Steamships, \$28 n.
H. K. Tugs, \$1.50 b.
Indo-China, (Indo.) \$92 n.
Shell Trans., 11/3 n.
Union Waterboats, \$22 1/2 b.

Mining.

Bongueta, \$2.60 b.
Kailans, 70/- n.
Langkats, Tls. 11.60 b.
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 3.00 sa.
Raub, \$6.80 b.
Tronoh, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$134 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$40 n.
China Providents \$5.05 s.
Hongkwa, Tls. 168 1/2 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 1/2 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 110 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.90 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2 n.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 70 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.30 n.
H. K. Lands, \$64 s.
S'hai Lands Tls. 165 b.
Humphreys, \$14 b.
Realities, \$8.30 b.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$20.85 s.
Peak Tram, (old) \$13 s.
Star Ferries, \$68 1/2 b.
China Lights, (Old) \$12.80 b.
H. K. Electric, \$54.15 b.
Macao Electric, \$26 1/2 n.
Telephones \$7.10 b.
Old China Buses, Tls. 12 1/2 b.
Singapore Traction, 11/6 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$1.25 n.
Malabons, \$29 1/2 b.
Canton Ice, \$3.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$9.50 b.
Ropes (Old) \$7.10 s.
United Asbestos \$5 n.
Stores etc.
Dairy Farms, \$21.75 s.
Watsons, \$14 b.
Dor A. Wing, 80 b.
Lano Crawford, \$3.05 n.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sincera, \$10 1/2 b.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$26 1/2 s.
Constructions, \$1.25 s.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$66 1/2
H.K.G. Loan 5% Prom. Interest.

AFTER THE RACES

BOXING

THEATRE ROYAL

Satur Jay, 2nd March.

First-class Programme.

**BANK PRESIDENT
SUED.****MR. INSTONE BREWER
DEFENDANT IN ACTION.****BOARD & LODGING.**

Mr. Instone Brewer, President of the Instone Banking Corporation was the defendant in an action at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon when Mr. R. Simmons, general works manager of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd., St. George's Building, claimed \$407, being \$375 board and lodging for the defendant and his wife at No. 4 Century Crescent for June 1928, and \$32 being portion of wages due to a wash amah for March, April May and June last year at the rate of eight dollars a month.

Mr. Strellett said the claim was as simple as one could wish and it was only when one turned to the defence—or rather to the series of defences—that he thought he was not putting it too high when he said it was one of the most remarkable series of defences ever put before the Summary Court.

Plaintiff came from Singapore in January, 1928, to be works manager of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company. The defendant is president and controlling executive of the Instone Banking Corporation, an institution having an office in Hongkong and branches elsewhere.

When Mr. and Mrs. Simmons arrived in Hongkong they stayed at St. George's Hotel and later decided to start a home of their own. They were able to find suitable accommodation at 4 Century Crescent on the lower middle levels. It was a large house, fairly well furnished, but requiring additions. After inspecting the house they found that it was too large for their needs alone and decided to get into touch with another small family with a view to them sharing the house.

An advertisement was inserted in a local newspaper and a letter was received, signed by Mrs. Brewer. Mrs. Brewer met Mrs. Simmons at the beginning of February last year. Mrs. Brewer saying that she thought the house would be suitable. It was arranged that she should pay another visit with Mr. Brewer, when terms could be discussed. A few days later there was a general conversation between all four and it was arranged that Mr. and Mrs. Brewer should pay \$375 per month.

Payment for an Amah.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer went into the house on March 1 and were given the use of a bedroom and the general use of the rest of the house. The wife of the plaintiff was then more or less running the domestic side of the house and the first difficulty arose in April. Defendant and his wife were making use of a common amah for the purpose of having clothes mended and Mrs. Simmons considered that such duties for a double household were too much and suggested extra payment.

Mrs. Simmons left for Singapore on April 15 and at that time, to all intents and purposes, she intended to remain for a few weeks away from Hongkong. For various reasons, however, she remained away until the end of the year.

In connexion with his business defendant had to make frequent visits to Canton and elsewhere and in this connexion made considerable reductions from his bill from time to time. About the middle of March certain complaints were made by the defendant out of which arose a counter claim. When difficulties arose the defendant wrote a letter to Mr. Simmons in which he set down the alternatives for the future of the household.

Later Mr. Simmons received a visit from Mrs. Brewer and a Mrs. Wheeler, when the plaintiff suggested that Mr. and Mrs. Brewer should take over the house. At that interview Mrs. Brewer said the only thing to do was to leave on June 30. Plaintiff agreed to that, not seeing Mr. Brewer at that time because he was sick.

Payment Not Made.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer left on June 30 without any further discussion. On July 5 Mr. Simmons rang up Mr. Brewer and asked for payment for board and lodging for June. He was told that the amount was going to be set off against a claim he had on Mr. Simmons. Mr. Simmons said that defendant had no claim and said he would refer the matter of payment for June to his solicitor.

Plaintiff's solicitor wrote the usual letter of demand on July 5 and a reply was received to that which, said Mr. Strellett, formed the subject matter of three libel actions. Mr. Strellett said that defendant, in a letter written in August, said his letter of July 7 was for the purpose of acquainting the other side with his defence. The letter of July 7 referred to a certain agreement, which turned out to be a letter written by the defendant's wife while the negotiations were in progress.

Dealing briefly with the defences as set out in the case, Mr. Strellett

said the first suggested that plaintiff should be non-suited on the ground that the real parties to the contract were not the plaintiff, but the plaintiff's wife and the defendant's wife, and that the agreement was supported by the fact that both Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Brewer happened to be possessed of separate estates and further that the contract was in respect of separate estates.

That defence, said Mr. Strellett, covered the defendant in the event of its being shown that most of the arrangements were made by his wife.

Other Defences.

The second defence was that the agreement arrived at on June 20 was confirmed on June 25. Mr. Strellett said it amounted to a set-off for board and lodging by reason of the claim made in the counter claim to the action.

The third defence was one of abatement in respect of breach of contract regarding the use of a car, that its use was withdrawn without discussion, and that this withdrawal resulted in damage to the defendant.

Mr. Strellett said it had been suggested on the other side that Mr. and Mrs. Simmons were permanently and not temporarily separated.

The defence supported that by saying that certain furniture in the house had been moved, that Mr. Simmons had invited lady friends to the house and that he had had people there for tennis.

In evidence, Mrs. Simmons said the arrangement was made between herself, Mr. Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Brewer in the course of a mutual conversation. The question of the use of the car was not discussed. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer took up residence on March 1, having the use of the largest bedroom, it having been agreed that they should pay \$375 per month. As a furnished house the premises had a number of shortcomings and Mr. Simmons paid for articles like linen, cutlery and crockery.

Visit to Singapore.

Mrs. Simmons said she had property of her own in Singapore and it was in connexion with it that she left Hongkong for Singapore on April 14 or 15 by the Mongolia. She expected to finish her business in two months, but did not in fact return to Hongkong until the end of the year.

There were two other bedrooms in the house which were not used and the upkeep of the house was about \$1,100 a month. As for that thought that \$375 would cover half the cost of the establishment, but it did not and she considered the possibility of letting the other two rooms. She did not authorise Mrs. Brewer to take in further boarders, however.

With regard to the amah, she objected to the additional sewing and witness suggested to Mrs. Brewer that she should pay \$4 a month per head extra.

In reply to Mr. Strellett, who said he was forced to put the question in view of what had been suggested by the other side, Mrs. Simmons said she had never been separated from her husband, and that when she went to Singapore she intended to return in two months. She had never done anything to suggest that she would not return.

Use of a Car.

In reply to further questions Mrs. Simmons said the car was placed at the disposal of Mr. and Mrs. Brewer to take them to the city in the morning, bring them back to the house at tiffin and again at night.

Mr. Brewer: When the Brewers first came to the house was it made clear that you hoped to get other boarders?—We hoped so.

Did you at any time ask Mrs. Brewer to help in securing other residents?—No. We thought of having a bachelor and not another married couple.

Did you ask Mrs. Brewer to see the secretary of the Helena May Institute with regard to getting someone?—No. Mrs. Brewer suggested that.

Did Mrs. Brewer tell you that she had done that?—No.

You never gave Mrs. Brewer authority to get other residents?—No.

Mr. Brewer suggested that Mrs. Simmons might have gone to Singapore on the Malwa. Mrs. Simmons said she went on the Mongolia. Mr. Justice Wood commented "I think you will find that right Mr. Brewer. I was booked on her."

Shopping Expeditions.

In reply to further questions Mrs. Simmons said that two dollars were deducted for each day Mr. Brewer was away from Hongkong.

Mr. Simmons gave corroborative evidence, saying that he withdrew the use of the car about June 14 as Mr. and Mrs. Brewer were abusing it. The consumption of gasoline had gone up and he was told by the chauffeur that the car had been used for shopping and visiting expeditions. Witness said he was surprised when payment for board for June was refused on the ground that the defendant had claims on him.

Mr. Strellett said he had a letter written by Mrs. Simmons to her husband but it was unusual to put such a document in. Permission

KOWLOON SCHOOLS.**THE CONVERSION OF PARK
SIDE RESIDENCE.**

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, at a meeting held yesterday, approved supplementary expenditure amounting to \$85,320.

Item No. 6: Public Works, Extraordinary: Kowloon, Buildings, Conversion of Park Side for School purposes and furnishing \$9,000.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—In conversion of Park Side, I have looked through *Hansard* for last year and have been unable to discover any discussion in connexion with it in Finance Committee. I should be glad if the Chairman would be kind enough to say whether Park Side is required to supplement the present accommodation at the Central British School.

The Chairman:—It is nothing to do with the Central British School, if I remember correctly. It has to do with the school which occupied the military building at Gun Club Hill. On the arrival of bigger military forces in the Colony, the military gave us notice to quit their school and we had to make other arrangements. What we did was to take Park Side, which was the former railway manager's residence, and convert it into a school for the Kowloon Junior School.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—I feel that in connexion with the question of Government Schools in Kowloon, we ought to have some settled policy in the provision of new schools. There are already two very large schools, one for girls and one for boys, and a third is already planned and will probably be commenced this year. It appears to me that the Government is lagging about 25 or 30 years behind the times in regard to school provision in Kowloon.

The Chairman:—I do not quite follow you. You say that two schools are already in existence?

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—Yes, established by religious societies, and a third one is about to begin, and yet the Government is satisfied with buildings 25 years old, which were presented as a gift by a private resident to the Government.

The Chairman:—What is the building given to the Government 25 years ago?

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—The Kowloon British School was a gift to the Government by Sir Robert Ho Tung. I should like to see a much more advanced policy adopted by the Government.

The Chairman:—I am afraid we cannot deal with the question of Government policy in Finance Committee. We must stick to the agenda. The point is, will the Finance Committee agree to the vote for \$9,000 for the conversion of Park Side to take the place of the building formerly occupied by the Kowloon Junior School? I cannot go into the policy of the Government in regard to Government Schools in Kowloon.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—It was only just an expression of opinion on my part, that a tinkering policy is no good for Kowloon at the present time.

The Chairman:—I think you know, don't you, that other schemes are under consideration?

The vote was approved.

Item No. 14: Public Works, Extraordinary: New Kowloon, Communications, widening Castle Peak Road to 60 feet width and filling in areas at Cheung Sha Wan, \$30,000.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock:—Does this sum of \$30,000 complete the work of this section?

The Director of Public Works:—Yes.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga:—Has this to do with filling in the garbage dump at Yaumati?

The Director of Public Works:—No, it is a different site.

was given for an extract to be read from the letter indicating Mrs. Simmons' arrangement with regard to extra payment for the amah.

After questioning plaintiff, Mr. Brewer announced that he would withdraw his number one defence.

Mrs. D. M. Wheeler was called by the defence and stated that on June 25 she went with Mrs. Brewer to see the plaintiff. Mrs. Brewer asked if he had come to any arrangement and he replied that everything had been settled and Mr. and Mrs. Brewer would leave at the end of that month. Mr. Brewer was called to corroborate this evidence.

In evidence, Mr. Brewer stated that it was agreed that payment for June should not be made, in consideration of the fact that he and Mrs. Brewer should go out at the end of the month without notice, which entailed hardship, and that they should agree to waive a claim against him as landlord.

Mr. Justice Wood reserved judgment, adjourning the hearing of a counter claim *sine die*.

ROBBERY TRIAL.**THE CASTLE ROAD
SENSATION.**

The case opened before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistrate yesterday afternoon, of the prisoners arrested in connexion with the recent armed robbery at No. 10, Castle Road.

In the course of the proceedings it was stated that Mrs. Wong Lung-shi, an aged lady, who lives at the house, was in a state of collapse as the results of her experience, and had since died. Money and jewellery stolen from her amounted to no less than \$42,000 in value, of which only a fractional part had been recovered. The "swag" was known to the police to have been taken to Canton for disposal.

When the case opened yesterday, the first step by the prosecution was to withdraw the case, on account of the lack of evidence, against two of the accused. They also applied for the discharge of a third man, named Fung Pun, in order to use him as King's witness.

An interesting off-shoot of the robbery case was then seen in the charging of Fung Pun with maliciously damaging a pair of handcuffs, the property of the Government.

Story of Escape.

Behind the fresh charge lies an interesting story, which has to do with the attempt which one of the other prisoners had made to escape from police custody. It will be recalled that one of the first arrests made by the police in connexion with the robbery was of a man named Ho San, which took place at Yaumati. While being taken through Woosung Street, the prisoner made a successful dash from the custody of a detective and vanished.

Acting on the very natural assumption that he would be endeavouring to escape into Chinese territory, the police entrained for Sumchun and intercepted the escaping man as he got out at the Station. They also arrested another man who was accompanying the first, and it was this prisoner, Fung Pun, who was now being charged before the Court with maliciously damaging Government property.

It appears that after his successful get-away, Ho San went to the house of his friend in a village near Ho Mun Tin, and begged Fung Pun to free him from his handcuffs. To accomplish this, Fung Pun had to use a heavy chisel and hammer, but finally Ho San was left unencumbered.

A New Pair.

Detective Inspector Shannon told the Magistrate yesterday that the handcuffs were a new pair which had been rendered useless by the damage wrought by Fung Pun. To replace them the Crown Agents would have to expend some \$25 of the public money, it was indicated.

His Worship decided to fine the culprit \$20, while ordering him to refund the cost of a new pair. Failure to meet the amount would mean a sentence of five weeks' hard labour for the accused.

Fung Pun was then held back in Court for the purpose of his giving evidence as King's witness in the case against Ho San and four others on charges arising from the armed robbery.

In his opening, Detective Inspector Shannon said that on the afternoon of January 31, a party of armed men went to No. 10, Castle Road, which lies off Castle Road in a quarter inhabited by wealthy Chinese.

Well Planned Visit.

Apparently they had timed their coming for a suitable hour, and when they arrived the only inmates left in the house—a three-story building—were an old lady, Mrs. Wong Lung-shi, her 11-year-old granddaughter, and two amahs.

On obtaining admission into the building by means which would be later indicated in the course of the case, they first seized one of the amahs, and went into the second floor, where the old lady and her grand-child were. Strings and gags were then brought into requisition and after the victims had been secured, the men proceeded to look for money and jewellery.

Without hesitation, they made straight for the safe, and, using a key which they had taken from the old lady, took away all the contents. Other receptacles for money and jewellery were similarly rifled, and when they left, the gang took away with them "swag" estimated to amount to \$42,557.

Upon the departure of the robbers, an alarm was sent through to the Central Police Station, not far away. When the police arrived at the house, they found the front room in the second floor, which was that occupied by the old lady, in a considerable state of disarray. Boxes which had contained jewellery or money were found strewn about the floor. The old lady was in a state of collapse. She had since died.

Amah Arrested.

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QUEEN'S**SUNDAY TO
TUESDAY****STIFF SENTENCES.****AUSTRALIAN AGITATION
RECALLED.**

Melbourne, Feb. 28. The trial has concluded of five men charged in connexion with the bombing in a Greek club last December, during troubles arising from the resentment of the waterside workers at the employment of volunteer (largely non-British) labour. Fifteen persons were injured in the bombing.

Three of the prisoners, O'Connell, McIver and Delaney, were sentenced to fifteen years' hard labour each, the other two being acquitted.—*Reuter*.

It was found that a cook-amah employed at the house, a middle-aged woman named Wong Ho, was not above suspicion, and she was in the end detained. She now appeared as the third defendant in the case.

The police also carried out a raid at Yaumati, where a woman was found who gave information which led to the arrest of Ho San in Des Voeux Road West as he was hurrying to a shop known to the police.

The two other prisoners were subsequently found in brothels at Yaumati. On one of them the police recovered a pair of gold ear-rings and on the other, a finger-ring, both of which had been since identified as part of the property taken away.

The other articles and money had not been recovered, information which had reached the police indicated that these had been taken to Canton for disposal.

Detective-Inspector Shannon asked his Worship to take careful note of the open grill of the house, which had been specially photographed on account of its importance in relation to the case against the woman.

His Worship expressed a desire to inspect the scene of the robbery and the case was adjourned with this object.

THE CENTRAL BANK.**BRANCH TO BE OPENED UP
IN HONGKONG.**

The Board of Directors of the Kwangtung Central Bank has appointed Mr. Ng Ka-shing as Chief Manager, and Mr. Chung Kai-cheung as Assistant Manager of the Branch Central Bank in Hongkong with instructions to proceed with its formation as soon as possible; says the *Canton Gazette*. It will be recalled that for the organization of this branch bank, Mr. Yip Ching, Assistant Manager of the Central Bank in Canton, was sent to Hongkong some time ago to seek suitable premises and offices formerly used by a French Bank were secured at a monthly rental of \$1,000. These premises have now been repaired and renovated by the owner, and are ready for occupation.

It was originally intended to open the Hongkong branch at an earlier date, but reorganization of the main office here delayed the formation of the branch.

A NEW OLYMPIA.**PLAN FOR ALTERATIONS
AND EXTENSIONS.**

London, Feb. 28. Olympia, the largest exhibition hall in England, passed yesterday into the hands of new owners, who have decided upon plans for further extension and renewal of the building, which will take over a year to complete and will, it is estimated, cost about £2,000,000.

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I can only touch lightly on this question in the time at my disposal. I have been told that the railway is where it is because some day it may be possible to get into the train at Kowloon, get off at Paris. This will be good if it doesn't come too good if it does come will it matter much to the traveller whether he embarks at Kowloon or at Hongkong. Meantime, China

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CHAPTER XVIII.

Mona, when she came on deck, had changed her white dress for a complete outfit of green. She had dressed, as usual, with complete disregard of the conventions. There were large single pearls in her ears, and a triple string of them about her throat.

She sank gracefully in her deck chair, and crossed her slim ankles. Her legs were brown and very slender. She smiled luminously at Ashtoreth, and, leaning forward, kissed her swiftly.

"I have seen Meester Smythe," she said, "and he told me what he had already told you. He says, also—Mona wrinkled her brows perplexedly—"Oh, yes—he says you are my trumpety little triumph. But, ma chérie, that is not so. He told me I flout you in the faces of the 'fat ladies.' That I have embarrassed you, because now they will not speak to you when I go to Guadeloupe. And you will be all alone."

Ashtoreth laid her hands on Mona's knees.

"I am sorry," she said, "that he distressed you, because, honestly, Mona, I don't give a darn about these women. I like you heaps better. I'm sorry you're leaving at Guadeloupe because it's been lovely having you for a commode. Mona—truly—if all these cats came crawling on their knees, I wouldn't speak to them. I shan't mind a bit being alone."

A suspicion of tears dimmed Mona's eyes. She jumped quickly to her feet.

"Then," she cried, "we shall go ashore together. There is a Chinese shop here, and I shall buy my little friend a Mandarin's coat, because she is a good girl, and I love her. And a little trinket of jade, for good luck. Then you may say, 'I knew Mona de Mueset, and she brought me good luck.'"

She was excited as a child.

"Come quickly," she begged, "and you shall wear a dress to give the fat ladies pain. One I have not ever worn. It was made for you, ma chérie."

That evening Mona stayed ashore. Ashtoreth had dinner brought on deck. And there Jack Smythe joined her.

"I hope you're not angry with me," he began.

"But I am," Ashtoreth told him. "He took the chair by her side, and began, leisurely, to fill his pipe.

"That's too bad," he remarked, "because I've only one more night on board. And you know you haven't kissed me yet."

"Kissed you?" she cried. "Why, I wouldn't kiss you if you were the last man on earth."

He lit his pipe before replying. "Oh yes, you would," he assured her. "Mona won't be back till late. She has lots of friends in port. She didn't ask you to stay ashore with her, I notice."

"She did, too!" lied Ashtoreth. Smythe looked at her sharply.

"I don't believe it," he retorted. "But that's all right. You can't blame the girl. It makes it very much nicer for us, besides. I'll have you all to myself now, up on the top deck. The moon is absolutely full to-night, and the sky will be simply brimming over with stars. A perfect night for romance."

Ashtoreth poured another cup of tea, and dropped a slice of lime in it. She would be just as casual about it as he was.

"A perfect night," she agreed. "But not for you and me. Don't you know I don't like you?"

"Well, I noticed that I hadn't exactly slain you," he admitted. "But you couldn't help loving me a little tonight—the moon, you know, and the stars. The tropics begin to get in your blood. This sultry climate, don't you know, is awfully conducive to love."

Ashtoreth dimpled.

"Yes," she said, "I suppose it must be. I hope I meet somebody nice before the trip's over. It's just too bad you're the only man around."

He laughed good naturedly.

"We'll have a dance after dinner," he proposed. "And then when it gets a little dark, we'll leave their old orchestra that we'll go up and talk to the stars."

Mona had not returned, and Ashtoreth was bored. At eight o'clock Jack knocked on her state-room door. And she greeted him in a swirl of chiffon, pink as the heart of a rose. Mona had insisted it did not suit her, and was a little tight besides. It was perfect on Ashtoreth.

"You're gorgeous," Jack told her. "I told you you were beautiful."

"It's Mona's," she informed him. "The dress, I mean. It's so flattering, anyone would look pretty in it. The beads are hers, too, and the earrings. I wish I

(To Be Continued.)

PROFESSOR EXPLAINS "AURAS."

TISSUE MADE LUMINOUS BY "COSMIC" RAYS.

Paris, Feb. 5.

A scientific explanation of the "aura" which spiritualists declare they can see surrounding human beings, was given at the French Academy of Science yesterday by Professor Fabry.

Experiments recently carried out by Mallet, he said, showed that when gamma rays were applied to a substance, it became luminous. An analysis of this "luminosity" showed it to consist not only of the spectrum rays, but of ultra violet rays as well.

M. Fabry added that certain "cosmic" rays produced a similar effect on fluids and on living tissue, which certain sensitive people could observe, and which had given rise to a number of mystical beliefs.

Five vehicles—a Ford car, a taxicab, a tramway-car, a steam wagon and a private car—were concerned in a series of collisions on the Embankment near Westminster recently. The Ford car was tossed about, first by one vehicle and then another, like a shuttlecock. The Ford began its own troubles by coming into collision with a stationary taxicab.

It then swerved on to the tramway lines, where a tramway-car tossed it back into the road. At last, immediately it was struck by a steam lorry, which knocked it back again, and after being struck by a private car it came to a standstill. All the vehicles were damaged, but the Ford was practically knocked to pieces. The driver of the latter kept his seat until the last collision, when he was thrown out into the roadway. Apparently he was not injured.

LINDBERGH CRASHES.

THE ACCIDENT EXPLAINED.

Mexico City, Feb. 28.

Lindbergh's accident apparently was due to the failure of the mechanics to replace the cotter pin in the axle of the right wheel, which consequently came off when Lindbergh took off. Lindbergh was aware of the danger, and warned his fiancée, and he pleaded cushions about her and exhausted his petrol in order to prevent an explosion. He landed most skillfully on one wheel which, however broke under the strain.

Mexican army officers, acting under orders of the war office, destroyed the records of the accident made by swarms of newspaper photographers and cinema operators. — *Reuter's American Service.*

GALLI-CURCI.

DUE TO ARRIVE HERE TO-MORROW.

One of the great figures of her generation and the possessor of one of the most marvellous voices in the world to-day, Madame Amelita Galli-Curci, star of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, and the Singing magnet supreme, is arriving here to-morrow by the President Taft from Seattle. Accompanying her are, Homer Samuels, husband-artist, Luigi Alberghini, fustler, and Lawrence Evans, Madame Galli-Curci's New York manager. After a season of five recitals in Manila, the party will return to America by way of Hongkong, Shanghai, North China, Japan and Honolulu.

In presenting Madame Galli-Curci to the musical public of the Orient, Mr. Strok has attained his greatest triumph. No other great artist has quite so entrenched herself as a universal favourite amongst music-lovers the world over as Galli-Curci has done. Born thirty-six years ago in Milan, of Spanish-Italian parentage, her rise to fame has been meteoric. Her voice has been described as a composite of all the gifts of the gods. The Metropolitan Opera Company star holds the record of having appeared in recital before the world's largest audience when she sang to a throng of over 27,000 persons in the Hollywood Bowl on the outskirts of Los Angeles.

Madame Galli-Curci will give one recital here at the Queen's Theatre on Monday, March 25th.

LOCAL ESTATES.

WILLS OF TWO CHINESE RESIDENTS.

Local estates which have recently been dealt with at the Supreme Court include that of Mo Chun, otherwise Mo A-chun, widow, who died intestate at No. 24, Elgin Street, on April 4, 1927, leaving Hongkong estate to the value of \$46,900.

Letters of administration have been granted to Mr. Horace Lo, of Messrs. Lo and Lo, who is the guardian of testator's daughter, Rose Perry, at present a minor.

Fung Yuk-shan, alias Fung Lam-au, alias Stephen Fung, who was a clerk employed by the Asiatic Petroleum Company (South China) Limited, at Hongkong, left local estate to the value of \$9,000. He died at No. 6, Ying Fai Terrace on October 18, 1928.

Probate has been granted to Mr. C. F. (Yuen Chan-ai), No. 30, Leighton Hill Road, a friend, and to Mr. John Fung, No. 56, Benham Road, a nephew, who are the executors.

The testator bequeaths everything to the widow, Ling Shi, to be held in trust for the children.

The draw for the motor cycle raffle organised by St. Peter's Young Men's Club took place on Tuesday evening last. The winning number was 602, held by Mr. Yik Tan of the Hongkong Excavation, Pile Driving and Construction Co., Ltd.

ROUSING WELCOME OF SCOTS' GUARDS.

HIS MAJESTY SENDS SPECIAL MESSAGE.

London, Feb. 28.

On the arrival of the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards at Southampton from Shanghai to-day, Colonel Alston read a message from His Majesty the King telegraphed from Bos or

It was the first message to greet them on their disembarkation and it ran as follows—"As your Colonel-in-Chief, I wish to be the first to welcome you home and to rejoice that you are once more with your families and friends."

The following reply was sent: "The Second Battalion of the Scots Guards respectfully thank their Colonel-in-Chief for his gracious message of welcome and rejoice at the prospect of His Majesty's early return to health."

The Scots Guards were given a rousing reception by the townspeople of Southampton. — *Reuter and British Wireless.*

NORMA TALMADGE FILM.

"THE WOMAN DISPUTED" AT THE QUEEN'S.

There is at present showing at the Queen's Theatre a really excellent film, "The Woman Disputed." In it, the star part is taken by Norma Talmadge, who scores one of her greatest successes.

The tale has to do with the outbreak of war between Austria and Russia, and it is woven around the joint love of an officer in each Army, who were friends, for the same girl.

The production is excellent, whilst the acting throughout is of a very high order. Many dramatic moments occur before the happy ending is reached.

Supporting Norma Talmadge are Gilbert Roland and Arnold Kent in the main roles, both of whom are appendently fitted for their parts.

YEN HSI-SHAN.

REURNS TO DISPOSE OF PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS.

Shanghai, Feb. 28.

A report from Taiyuan states that Marshal Yen Hsi-shan has returned to Taiyuan from Wutai, where he has been visiting his father.

It is learned that Yen Hsi-shan will leave for Nanking via Peking as soon as he has disposed of various provincial matters which have been held up for his attention. — *Reuter.*

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page. SOAP, SOAR, SEAR, SEAS, SEES, SUES, SUDS.

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TOASTS PROPOSED.

DEBATING CLUB FUNCTION AT THE Y.M.C.A.

A successful function held at the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, some time ago was repeated yesterday when the Literary and Debating Club Committee held a toast night at which were present several directors of the Institution, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, chairman of the Club presiding.

After dinner the chairman proposed the loyal toast and Mr. P. Sands toasted "Our Colony," saying that it was not until after the new arrival had passed the griffin stage that the beauties of Hongkong were appreciated. Mr. Sands went on to speak of the "discovery" of the Colony by the members of the Rambling Club in their New Territory hikes. Applying to the toast the Rev. J. Horace Johnston commented on the progress of the Colony and said he thought there were greater possibilities of extension in Kowloon rather than on Hongkong Island. Those who prophesied were undoubtedly looking to the Kowloon side and the speaker instanced the recent building progress and the fact that the Peninsula was now represented by two members on the Legislative Council.

The Servicemen.

The toast to "Our Servicemen" was proposed by Mr. A. A. Daud who paid tributes to the work of the Navy, Army, Air Force and Mercantile Marine, speaking of their services during the war and showing how they had assured British supremacy. They were the four finest services in the world consisting of men who always played the game.

Replying, Lt. Colonel Christian said the Services constituted a glorious brotherhood born as a result of the war. Servicemen owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Y.M.C.A. the world over and they were duly appreciative of the service which the Association rendered.

The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed in witty fashion by Mr. W. Robertson who spoke of the pleasure it gave members of the Association to entertain some of the Directors. The Very Rev. Alfred Swann replied and expressed thanks on behalf of the visitors for the hospitality accorded them. Presentation to Chairman.

Mr. W. E. Price proposed "The Y.M.C.A.," referring to the growth of the Association and the important work it had continued to do since its foundation. The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., in reply, said he hoped the members would not forget that the Association stood for the benefit of others. He knew that the high standard always maintained by the Y.M.C.A. in Hongkong would continue to be upheld and that it would always uphold its essential Christian principles.

Mr. T. V. Harmon proposed a toast to the Chairman and spoke of Mr. Cassidy's public service in connection with many local bodies, stating that in so far as the Literary and Debating Club was concerned he had presided at more debates than any other chairman. Mr. Harmon presented the chairman with a photograph of members of the committee of the Club as a token of their appreciation of his services.

Mr. Cassidy said it had been a pleasure to attend the Y.M.C.A. debates and to be chairman of the Committee. Extending thanks for the presentation he said it was a gesture very much appreciated.

THE ROYAL VISIT.

CHINESE TO ENTERTAIN THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

In connexion with the coming visit of H. R. H. the Duke of Gloucester, who is heading a mission to Japan to present the Japanese Emperor with the Order of the Garter, there was a meeting in the Chinese Merchants Club, China Building, yesterday afternoon, when a number of eminent local Chinese merchants discussed preparations to welcome the Royal party.

Among those present were the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, who presided, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D., (the three Chinese representatives on the Hongkong Legislative Council), Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Li Yau-tsun, Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, and many others.

After some discussion it was decided to entertain the Duke of Gloucester and his party to a Chinese dinner and reception, and to present to him a beautiful example of Chinese embroidery decorated with Chinese characters of an appropriate nature.

A committee of twenty-five was elected to carry out the preparations for the reception, etc., including the above-mentioned gentlemen.

DINNER MUSIC.

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"The Good Little Boy And The Bad Little Boy," "Under The Stars Of Havana," "Blue Waters," (Norman Long.)

"Isle Of The Breeze," (Wagner) Soprano, Maria Jeritza.

"The Bat," (Johann Strauss) Overture, Victor Symphony Orch.

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Among those who were present at the funeral were His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Henry Gollan, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, Mr. J. R. Wood, Mr. W. A. Dwyer, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. A. L. Shields, the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. V. M. Grayburn, Mr. G. K. Hall, Mr. J. P. Bragg, Mr. J. E. Joseph, Col. T. A. Robertson, Mr. A. H. Abbas, Mr. Chan Wing-kue (compradore of Messrs. Douglas Laprak and Co.), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Mr. D. H. Cameron, Mr. F. Sutton, Mr. Eldon Potter, Mr. H. R. Phelps, Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson, Mr. E. B. Reed, Mr. Donelan, Mr. H. Birkett, Mr. H. H. Priestley, Mr. H. A. Rodgers, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr. W. Hill, Mr. V. M. Haimovitch, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. Henry Humphreys, Mr. C. A. Peel, Mr. F. S. Harrison, Mr. T. W. Logan, Mr. G. G. Wood, Mr. T. G. Weall, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, and Mr. Ho Kwong.

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Other wreaths included those from the 2nd Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, Messrs. Douglas Laprak and Co., Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., Captain and Officers of the Halching, the Halching, the Halching, and the steward department of the Halching; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hynes, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Potter, Mr. and Mrs. L. Marchand, Col. and Mrs. T. A. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Todd, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hummer, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mackie, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bagram, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Farmer; and also from Messrs: C. L. C. Sandes, Harold Seth, Ho Kom-tong, H. C. Shrubsole, D. W. Trautman, E. H. Ray, Geo. K. Hall, Brutton, G. E. Towns, W. L. Patenden, H. R. Phelps, J. P. Bragg, C. A. Peel, A. L. Shields, F. B. Deacon, Allan Gordon, T. G. Weall, A. H. Abbas, J. Scott Harston, J. E. Joseph, E. L. Hosie, J. H. Taggart, Captain A. J. L. Whyte, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Drs. Pierce Grove, Aubrey and Macgown, and a great number of others.

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CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

N. Y. K. LINE (NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.)

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

The Steamship, "CAPETOWN MARU"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 7th March, 1929, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left to the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co's representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, 28th February, 1929.

ELLERMAN LINE.

From EUROPE.

The Steamship, "CITY OF KHARTOUM"

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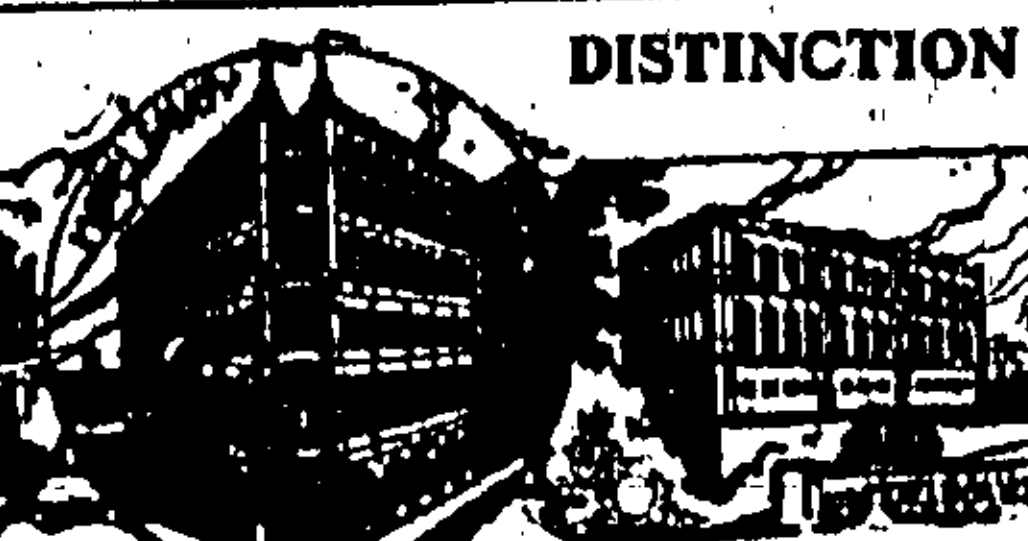
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INDIA'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

BUDGET INTRODUCED BY NEW FINANCE MINISTER.

NEW TAX ON PETROL.

New Delhi, Feb. 28.
The Indian Government's Budget for the coming financial year shows that there will be a surplus of 30 lakhs on the estimate for 1928.

Sir George Schuster, who to-day introduced the Budget in the Legislative Assembly, stated that he had budgeted for a deficit of 90 lakhs next year the difference being mainly due to a fortuitous factor, namely, the unequal distribution of the salt revenue between the last two budgetary periods.

The only new taxation recommended by the Finance Minister is an increase of motor-spirit dues from 4 annas to 6 annas per gallon. The proceeds of this additional taxation will be devoted to the Road Development Fund.

Army expenditure remains the same. Eighteen crores of rupees will be required for various purposes, said Sir George Schuster, who added that the Government would borrow as far as possible in India before raising a sterling loan.

He condemned any idea of altering the value of the 1/6d. rupee, concluding that it was his firm conviction that India's financial position was fundamentally sound.—British Wireless.

NANKING AVOIDS DANGER.

HO CHEN AS CHAIRMAN OF HUNAN GOVERNMENT.

Hankow, Feb. 28.
The anti-Communist activities of the Political Council has started afresh in the Wuhan area, and nine men arrested and alleged to have been guilty of Communist propaganda were executed to-day. Further executions are expected later.

It is reported that General Ho Chen arrived at Changsha yesterday to take up the office of Chairman of the Hunan Provincial Government and this is taken to signify that the Nanking Government has approved of the deposition of General Lu Tsi-ping. Possibilities of an extension of the trouble have, therefore, been averted for the present.—Reuter.

POLICE ACTION CRITICISED.

LAWYER PROTESTS AGAINST ARREST.

Sub-Inspector Field, of the Hawks Department, at the Central Police Court this morning, withdrew the case against a Chinese who was charged under the Hawks Ordinance.

No explanation accompanied the application for withdrawal, and Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, appearing for the defence, commented:—"The defendant is employed in a very substantial firm, and it makes one wonder what the motive was to seize this man from behind the counter and take him to the Police Station."

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Brooks said he was instructed to make the protest. "The defendant was employed in the Hung Hing firm, Queen's Road Central."

HIDDEN DYNAMITE.

FISHING BOAT MASTER FINED.

Pleading guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of 22 sticks of dynamite, 24 detonators and 11 pieces of fuse, the master of a fishing boat was fined \$25, with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour, by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Two of the master's folk were also charged, but, on the first defendant taking full responsibility, they were cautioned.

It was stated that when Sergeant Went carried out a search, the dynamite was found hidden.

BIG U.S. EXPLOSION.

EIGHT KILLED AND FIFTEEN INJURED.

New York, Feb. 28.
It is learned from Atlanta, Georgia, that eight persons have been killed and fifteen injured in the explosion of a compressed air tank at Stone Mountain, where the huge Confederate Civil War Memorial is being carved.—Reuter's American Service.

TRAMWAY MEETING.

(Continued from Page 1.)

in extending the requirements of public service in this way is no less a sum than \$2,500,000.00 (two and a half million dollars).

We not only carry passengers at much less than the fares specified in the Ordinance but carry them for such a long distance at a 6-cent fare that no Bus Company could possibly achieve and remain solvent. We maintain (which otherwise the Government would have to maintain) large proportions of the main roadway between Shaukiwan and Kennedy Town and in the last 2 years alone we have paid about \$100,000 in Royalty to the Government.

Not Doomed.

Mr. Belth then went on to refer to new tramway undertakings at Home and proceeded:

"To those who honestly think that the doom of the tramway is imminent let me commend a fresh perusal of Mr. Bernard's speech in this room at the Annual General Meeting in 1926. What he told you then regarding the unquestionable superiority of tramways over motor buses for mass transportation in large towns, is just as true and unassailable to-day and I do not propose to labour this."

He later added:—"One point in connexion with the Hongkong situation which should be borne in mind is that for the first eight years of this Company's existence no dividend was earned, but the Company—confident of Hongkong's future development—was undaunted and carried steadily on. Whether this would have been the case had your Board of, say 20 years ago, suspected that after building up a thriving business and after 24 years of operation they were to be attacked on the most remunerative section of their system, is doubtful. At any rate there would have been incorporated in the Ordinance a clause which would have afforded them some measure of protection just as Clause 27 of the Tramway Ordinance affords the Government and the Public protection and redress in the event of inefficient or insufficient service by the Company."

Kowloon Service.

Although I am dealing with the year 1928 shareholders will be glad to know that the Company has obtained—at reasonable cost—a footing in Kowloon by the purchase of the Kai Tack Motor Bus Co., which we commenced to operate—with the approval of the Government—as from January 1st this year. Thus we have had exactly two months experience of working this small undertaking and shareholders will be pleased to hear that, so far, the expenses have been less and the receipts have been greater than we estimated.

The fleet comprises 10 vehicles—fortunately all of one make, and a very good make—but this number will be increased very shortly. Indeed four new chassis for our Kai Tack service are due to arrive here from England to-day and we have been authorised by the police, as soon as these new buses are available, to extend our present service in Kowloon by operating on Route No. 9 which is during rush hours along Nathan Road between Star Ferry and Mong Kok Police Station. Hitherto the activities of the Kai Tack Motor Bus Co. have been confined to routes which did not include any part of Nathan Road.

Hotel Co. Competition.

Mr. A. H. Ferguson, who seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, dealt with the question of road maintenance and proceeded to say:—"I do think that in view of the royalty this Tramway Company pays annually to the Government and the further large contribution it indirectly makes in relieving the Colony of considerable road surface expenditure, it should have been considered and consulted before any other Company, when the desirability of motor buses along Queen's Road became apparent to the Government. The argument that the competition which we see to-day between the Hotel Company and the Tramway Company is fair competition is not tenable."

To be absolutely fair it seems to me the Tramway Company should be allowed a considerable reduction in the terms of their street surface maintenance, and in the sense of equality it appears only right that in the matter of payment of royalty the bus companies and the trams should be brought more into line."

It has been difficult for me to understand why the Hongkong Hotels, Ltd., should have obtained the Queen's Road franchise, and I am glad to have your assurance, Sir, that the Tramway Co. is in no way to blame. It is only reasonable that the Hotel Co., for their patrons at Repulse Bay, should arrange transport to and from town or between their two hotels

CHINA AND LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

POSSIBILITY MOOTED OF WITHDRAWAL.

SURPRISE TO GENEVA.

Geneva, Feb. 28.

Much surprise is expressed at the League Secretariat at the news from Nanking to the effect that Mr. Sun Fo, the Nationalist Minister of Railways has proposed China's withdrawal from the League of Nations.

A message from Nanking indicates that the proposal has not been put forward definitely but says that it is a practical certainty that the Kuomintang Congress will vote in favour of withdrawal if the suggestion is put forward.

It is stated here that no indication of any such intention on the part of the Nationalist Government of China has been received at Geneva either by the League Secretariat, or the Chinese delegates.

It is pointed out that M. Avenol, the Deputy-Secretary of the League, is now touring China and that his tour is proceeding normally. He has been widely entertained both by Chinese and foreigners in the course of the trip.—Reuter.

SUPPRESSING CHEFOO REVOLT.

CHIANG SENDING MEN AS WELL AS SUPPLIES.

Nanking, Feb. 28.

In addition to the despatch of a large quantity of ammunition and financial assistance to General Liu Chien-nien, the officer defending Nationalist interests in Eastern Shantung, it is announced that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is arranging to reinforce the Nationalist troops in the Chefoo district.—Reuter.

Naval wireless messages received to-day from Chefoo state that since General Liu repulsed the enemy on February 23, the general situation has remained unchanged.

General Liu is reported to be consolidating his position and moving further supplies to the front, which is some thirteen to fifteen miles west of Chefoo.

The General is said to be awaiting orders from Nanking and appears to be confident that he can hold his position.

RAID IN TIENSIN CONCESSION.

GENERAL ARRESTED AND LATER EXECUTED.

Tientsin, Mar. 1.

General Chiang Hung-fun, an alleged supporter of General Chang Chung-chang, the Shantung leader, was arrested yesterday in the course of a raid in the foreign concession area at Tientsin. Five other officers were also taken into custody.

General Chiang is alleged to have been plotting on behalf of Chang Chung-chang in Tientsin. After a trial, he was found guilty, and executed.—Nam Chung Pao.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

To-day's Observatory report states that a fresh anticyclone has formed over North China and a depression lies over N.E. Japan. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-East winds, moderate, fine to cloudy.

on the Island, but I can see no more justification in the Hotel Co. operating buses in open and deliberate competition with the Tramway Company (and more especially along a parallel route) than in the Tramway Co. building an Hotel and competing with the Hotel Co.

Appropriate Spheres.

We are a small and perhaps unimportant community, gentlemen, but while we are here let us confine our energies to our appropriate spheres of activity. As far as I am able to judge, the Tramway Co. is operating and always has operated its transportation concern admirably just as the Hotel Co. has run its hotels admirably, and I suggest that these two companies and the Government get their heads together without delay to see if the matter cannot be straightened out as, *prima facie*, a distinct injustice appears to have been done to the Tramway Co.

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